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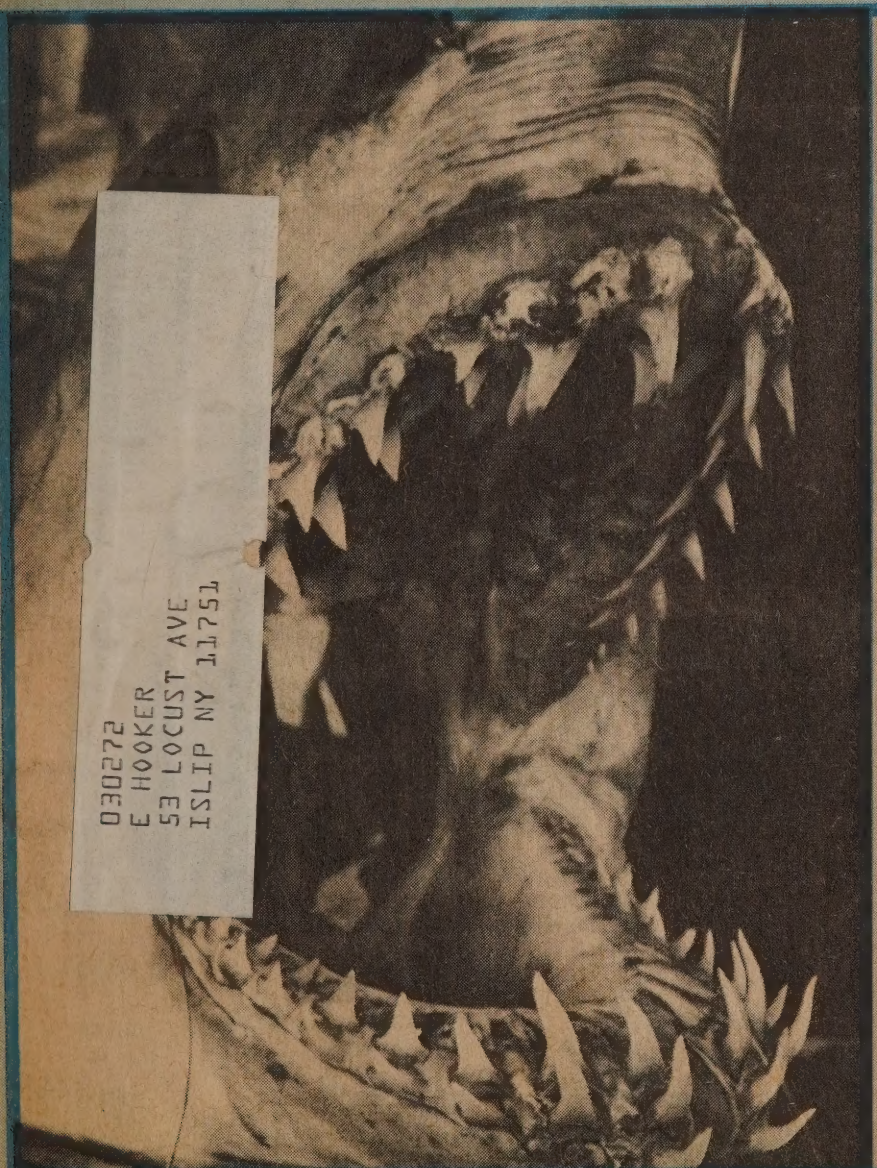

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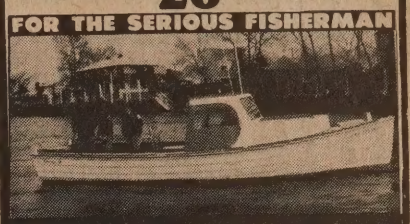

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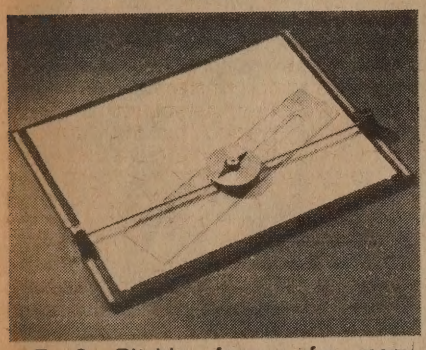

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Contractors have until July 29, 1977 to submit bids for Phase I work.

The hatchery is scheduled for completion by the Spring of 1981; however, some fish production will be possible in the Fall of 1979, when the first eggs will be placed in the hatchery to initiate the rearing cycle.

Total cost of the hatchery is estimated at $11.3 million, with $6 million of this from State funds; $3 million from the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and $2.3 million from Federal Anadromous Fish Act Funds.

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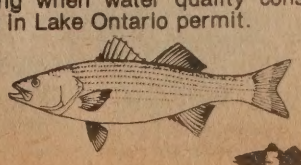

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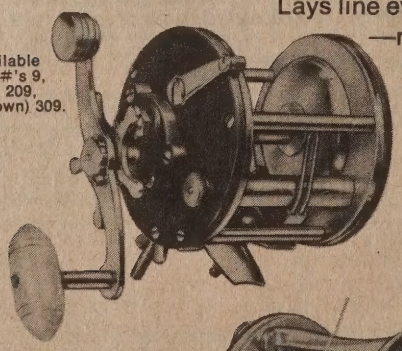

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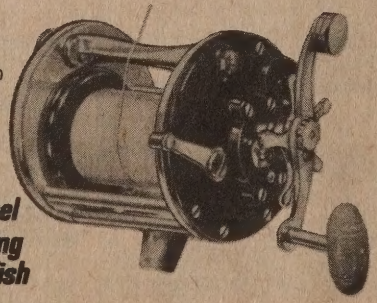

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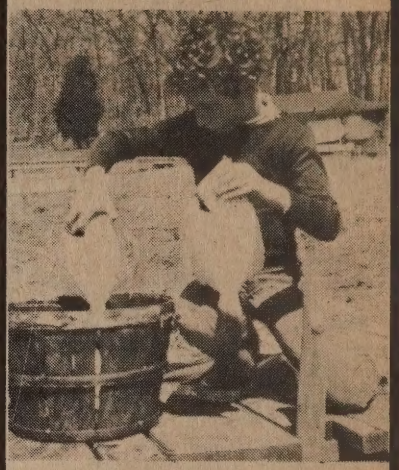

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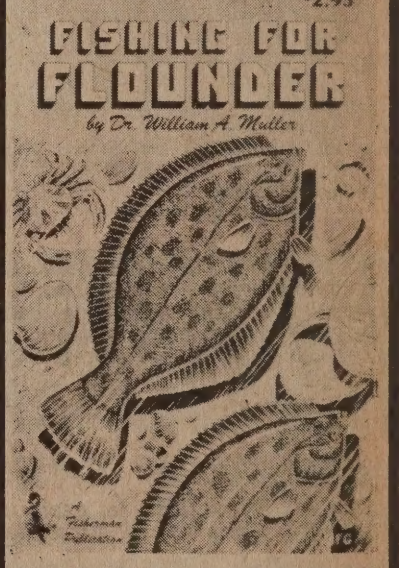

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with Angelo Peluso

Crank 'Em Up!

During a hot, summer day in 1975, Lake Ronkonkoma became the site of a local bass tournament hosted by the Long Island Bassmasters. The weather was typically August—extreme heat and uncomfortable humidity. To add to all of the misery, the sky above never seemed to be higher. The bassin' indicators were pointing toward a tough day. Fortunately, though, Ronkonkoma happens to be a fairly deep body of water, with a maximum depth of approximately 65-70 feet—depending upon water level variation. With this depth feature in mind, all contestants, myself included, reasoned that if the bass' preferred depth range could be located, chances would be excellent for filling the live wells. Incidentally, I might add that the Lake has a history of producing sizeable stringers and sizeable fish during the so-called "dog days" of summer.

If my recollections serve me correctly, it was the starter's whistle which echoed a broadcast beginning the day's event. At 6 AM, most fishermen headed toward shallow water structure (a depth of 8-12 feet), and were fishing in and among weed and grass beds. My partner and I zeroed in on one such weed formation and began casting 3/8 ounce crank baits. It wasn't but three casts into the tournament, before I had a bass on: merely a ten-incher—short by two inches of the Club's twelve-inch rule. But, regardless of size, it served as a glimmer of hope. As we moved to the outer fringe of the weeds, I tied into another bass—this time a keeper. Now my buddy was into a bass; things began looking pretty good.

As I scanned the Lake, I noticed that many of the other fishermen were also hauling bass into their boats. Coincidentally, almost all of the boats appeared to be positioned over water of 8-12 feet. The action continued in this fashion, fast and furious, through the morning and into the afternoon. It began to taper off as the tournament approached its 2 PM finale.

With the contest over, all boats arrived at the weigh-in location and the contestants prepared for the final tally. It immediately became apparent that the tourney turned out to be an extremely successful one: a banner day. The completed weigh-in process showed this to be the largest tournament catch in the history of the Long Island Bassmasters, with the Club's individual "high stringer" record also being established. Almost every angler either had a limit of fish, or was no more than one bass shy of a limit. The most significant and noteworthy fact pertinent to the day's catch is that practically all of the bass were taken on some variety of crank bait. A predominant feature of each bait was its diving potential and size—the majority were of the 3/8 ounce size and were capable of diving to within the 8-12 foot range. Being able to penetrate to that particular depth of water was the key to success. The crank bait was the means by which the anglers reached the magic level. No one single commercial product appeared to have an edge over another. Dangling from rods was a variety of Rebels, Normans, Rogers, Big O's, Bagley's, Rabble Rousers, etc., etc., etc. Though the bass were not biased toward a particular manufacturer, they did show, beyond any shadow of doubt, a marked preference for the Crank Baits.

A 6 lb. 5 oz. largemouth bass which fell prey to a crank bait.

Now Long Island anglers, for quite sometime, have given the first place nod to the lethal plastic worm. But during the past several years, crank baits have steadily increased their popularity and now assume a respectable second place. This acceptance is due to the relative versatility of the crank bait and its outstanding catch potential. Their performance on Long Island waters has been truly outstanding. The Ronkonkoma example cited before is a very good indication of the "big catch" capabilities of the crank-type baits; but Long Island waters have also yielded big fish to the tantalizing attraction of the cranks. An illustrative occurrence which took place two seasons past during a Fall outing, shows proof. A fellow club member had taken off a few days from his job and decided to fish for bass at Montauk's Fort Pond. During the course of events, the angler managed a few bass from the lake's sunken holes, but also managed to crank up two bass that each passed the eight pound mark. Both of the big bass fell prey to a 5/8 ounce Big O.

Well, we now know that crank baits work on Long Island waters. But, how are they fished? For the most part, the baits are fished as one would utilize them on any other body of water, in any other part of the state. As the name implies, the original designs were meant to be cranked. Many feel that the faster you crank, the faster you'll creel bass. This is true, under certain sets of circumstances, and on certain occasions. The most common technique is to cast and retrieve with a constant, steady, unbroken rhythm. This just happens to be the method that was employed in the capture of the two, previously mentioned eight pounders. In the case of the tournament, the rapid retrieve was employed, since the fish were taken in rather deep unobstructed water.

There is one method that I have found to be successful when utilized on some of the Island's shallow water lakes and ponds. By the way, it happens to work best during the summer months when bass metabolism is increased due to the higher water temperature. What I like to do is make my initial cast to either some visible piece of structure or over some open water that I know has submerged structure. Allowing the lure to remain motionless for several moments, I will then impart a single twitching action to the rod. Due to the lip design on most crank baits, this action will cause the bait to dive vibratingly under the surface of the water. This type of movement will be repeated three or four times. If the structure is of a shoreline variety, I will work the piece with this method of retrieve. If the structure is deep, I will, after a couple of twitching motions, begin to reel very rapidly, allowing the bait to attain its maximum depth. Hopefully, this will enable the bait to dive past the piece of structure that lies below. As I envision the bait passing the underwater obstacle, I will stop the retrieve. Most of the commercially manufactured cranks will begin to rise to the surface with a very seductive fluttering action. Often-times, this appears to be too much for Mr. Bass to resist; it is at this point in the retrieve that a good number of strikes will come.

An alternate method is to allow the lure to reach its maximum depth by rapidly cranking and then continue the retrieve by making a series of intermittent pauses. The jerks, bumps and grinds just knock the bass out of their socks. I have found this particular method very advantageous when fishing Island lakes that have patches of clumped vegetation on the Lake's bottom. An additional variation with this method is made possible by lures such as Rebel's Super R which have the capability to suspend over a piece of known structure. With this lure, a cast is made and a fast retrieving action is imparted. When it is felt that the bait is near a fish-holding location, the retrieve is stopped. The inherent qualitites of this bait enable it to remain almost lifeless as it suspends in the water—a lure zipped past the nose of a waiting bass, and then frozen in motion. That should attract a bit of attention.

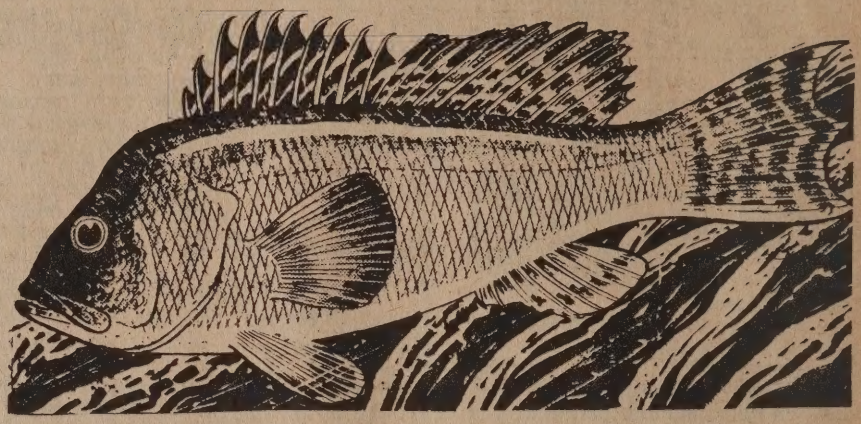
So it is that crank baits have found their way into the hearts and tackle boxes of Long Island bass fishermen. The innovative baits work, are relatively easy to use, and can be fished under various conditions. If your bassin' adventures take you to the shores of the Island, make certain that you tote a few cranks. They could be the key to success.

FISH TALK

with Dr. William A. Muller

MORE ON SEA BASS

Centropristis striata



A SANITARY FISH. A number of outdoor writers and scientists have thought it significant that sea bass prefer clean water. I don't know how true this is, but they do like moving water. Moving water, of course, will tend to be cleaner due to the flushing action of the tide. I do know that I have had the most productive sea bass fishing in places like Montauk and Long Island Sound's East End, where waters are still very clean.

SEA BASS ARE HOME BODIES. Like blackfish, once sea bass move into an area for the season, they don't wander very far. They like to stay close to the source of food around the bottom structure. Therefore, if you catch them in one place, chart the spot and return there for your next trip. It is not unusual to catch forty or fifty fish during a single trip. They usually cluster in small groups, but may mass by the thousands on exceptionally good feeding areas.

NO CLAUSTROPHOBIA. Sea bass seem to seek out crevices and holes where they can either rest safe from predators, or seek a feeding vantage point. In any event, sea bass are frequently taken in lobster pots even when they are unbaited. At times, the fish may be found jammed into the container. In fact, many commercial fishermen seeking sea bass have resorted to the use of very large unbaited pots which are dropped to the bottom in known sea bass territory.

SEA BASS HAVE A VARIED DIET. One of the favorite foods for sea bass are young lobsters. Sometimes you'll notice a number of one-inch lobsters in the bottom of the fish box after a successful day's fishing. The sea bass will spit them up while knocking around in the box. Other items on the menu include sea worms, crabs, squid, small clams, and small fish. Sea bass have very large mouths, and so even small specimens are capable of swallowing crabs and the like.

DIAMOND JIG FREAKS. I like to catch sea bass on diamond jigs. Boy, they really pounce on the silver Ava 27 jig. Fish taken while diamond jigging are usually larger, and the sport is improved. Since sea bass are frequently taken in fairly deep, quick water, the sinker bouncing fisherman must use heavy sinkers, which inhibits the battle of all but the largest fish. The jigs, on the other hand, can be effectively bounced along on a gentle drift. The sea bass come out of their "holes" ready to do battle.

HOOK SIZES VARY, TOO. The size of the hook depends upon the size of the sea bass that you're likely to catch. If you expect fish that will generally run less than one pound, use Sproat hooks in sizes 1/0 or 2/0. Some fishermen prefer Aberdeen hooks. If the fish are large, use a 3/0 or 5/0 size.

MOST FISHERMEN USE SQUID OR CLAM FOR BAIT. The best baits are usually the most difficult to keep on the hook, especially if bergalls are a problem, and they are usually the most expensive, too. I don't see how anyone could legally or efficiently get hold of a large quantity of small lobsters. Although crabs would be a good alternative, shedder crabs would be preferred, and they just aren't readily available. Fiddlers and hard green crabs work well, but if the fish are biting, squid seems to fill the bill. Sea bass will actively feed on squid when it is abundant on the feeding grounds. Clams are always a choice of the sinker bouncing fraternity; they are readily available and reasonable in price.

MAKE MY LEADER LONG, PLEASE. A three-foot leader seems to work best. A long leader allows the baited hook to dance enticingly at a respectable distance from the sinker. Most sea bass fishermen tie the leader with a dropper loop about eight to twelve inches above the sinker. Since the ocean bottom is rough where sea bass hang out, fishermen usually use very heavy monofilament for the leader—50 or 60 pound test is not unusual.

SEA BASS ARE INQUISITIVE. Keep this in mind if you're chumming at anchor. Rice, shells, and sand, are excellent for attracting sea bass to the boat. One fella told me of using metal shavings because they had a glitter to them as they drifted towards the bottom.

THE VARIABLE HIT. Sea bass will sometimes strike a bait with a vigorous tug, especially when the bait is moving. At anchor, the sea bass—especially the little guys—may pick up the bait gently. The fish will mouth it, and I guess they are tasting it. At times, the nibbling fish can be induced to swallow the bait if the angler lifts his or her rod gently. If the fish drops off, lower the sinker and baited hook back to the bottom where the same fish may take hold again. Rapid little twitches of the rod tip may also convince the sea bass that the bait is escaping and induce a solid hit. When a bait is suddenly pulled hard, it is likely that there is a larger fish at the end of your line. Strike this fish hard and quick. Experienced sea bass fishermen have developed a feel for when to strike, similar to the technique used in blackfishing. Strike too soon, and you'll pull the hook free; strike too late, and the sea bass will have your bait.

GREAT ON THE TABLE. If you are successful, fillet those sea bass and fry 'em crisp. The meat is white and flaky. Excellent eating!

ONE LAST COMMENT! Some anglers who catch sea bass for the first time, question the fact that large specimens are humpbacked. Frequently, the neophyte may think that the fish is unfit for human consumption, and throw it back. But rest assured, the humpbacks are not diseased fish, and are just as delicious as the little straight fish. We have already pointed out that the big fish are males and the hump is apparently a secondary sex characteristic.

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

WHY PARTY BOATS?

Part Three – *WHERE-TO-GO*

Last week, rods, reels, rigging, baits, and, of course, the all-important subject of hooks needed for successful party boat fishing were discussed. In this week's column (which is the last in the series), we'll rivet our attention on the kind of fish available to party boat anglers, and also when fishing is best for each species.

It is well to bear in mind that all fish life and migrations are governed by water temperatures. This is the key to planning successful fishing trips. A broad example: it would be extreme folly for fishermen of northern New Jersey, Long Island, and throughout the New England States to dunk bait for sea bass in January, just as it would for them to expect a good catch of porgies in November.

These fish are summer visitors to these areas only: but yet while acknowledging that, you do have some leeway—not much, though. For instance: sea bass fishing is always best from June to mid-September; but experienced fishermen rushing the season in late May would probably meet with at least some success. This is because in late May, the desired water temperature is but a week or ten days away, yet warm enough to tempt the vanguard of approaching schools of migrating sea bass from their offshore wintering grounds.

Remember, then: when going over the following calendar, you have a week or ten days' leeway in the arrival and departure times listed—but rarely more!

JANUARY: For New York and New Jersey anglers, there isn't much doing on the fishing scene this month. Ling and whiting are available during the first half of the month, and party boat skippers are willing to try when enough fishermen make it worthwhile to sail. Codfishing is slow; but on mild days, some will be caught.

Slow going for New England fishermen.

FEBRUARY: About the same conditions exist this month as last. Look for a slight increase in cod on those days when fishing can be done in comfort. Ling and whiting available, too, but usually not in record-breaking numbers.

Most New England fishermen are content to relive past fishing experiences.

MARCH: More cod available for New York and New Jersey anglers; but this is most likely due to the moderating weather which enables more fishermen to get out. To prove water temperatures are changing, an occasional blackfish will be taken by lucky anglers. Expect a few ling to come over the rail, too.

New England fishermen will find cod when they can get out.

APRIL: New York and New Jersey sinker bouncers will now find fewer cod when fishing south and west of Montauk. Cod landings at Montauk definitely on the increase. Expect reports of Montauk snowshoe flounder toward end of month if weather has moderated; otherwise, wait until early next month. Blackfishing vastly improved. Ling and whiting can be depended upon. To prove summer is coming, sea porgies will be taken in traps, but none for the sport fisherman yet. New York and New Jersey anglers will hear rumors of approaching mackerel schools by third week of month—but don't rush season! It will avail you naught.

Massachusetts anglers will find cod. Haddock available, but no record catches as in past years. Cod and pollack for Rhode Island fishermen, with a few blackfish by mid-month. Connecticut fans enjoy blackfishing and an increase in snowshoe flounder. Ditto cod and pollack.

MAY: This is the month fishing breaks wide open! Mackerel, mackerel, and more mackerel for the New York and New Jersey fishermen. Ling and whiting on bottom, macks on top—take your pick. Blacks available. An occasional porgy for New York anglers, but New Jersey fishermen will be doing much better with porgies and sea bass in May than New Yorkers. By month's end, sea bass will be on tap for New York fishermen. An occasional fluke will come aboard. Good cod and pollack fishing at Montauk.

New England fishermen will find blacks and porgies on hand. Cod and pollack, too.

JUNE: Except for mackerel, New York and New Jersey sinker bouncers will find this month a repeat of May. An increase in blackfish for New Jersey anglers, but fewer ling available, except in the New York Bight areas. Plenty of ling, however, for New Yorkers fishing the wrecks off Long Island and to the 100 foot depths. Porgies make a solid showing in the New York Bight. Some fluke will be taken as they enter the warmer, shallow water bays. Codfishing at Montauk still good.

New England fishermen will find a repeat of May's fishing, plus mackerel.

JULY: Good catches of sea bass, porgies and fluke for New York and New Jersey anglers. Ling fishing good on the Cholera Bank "high spots" for Long Island sinker bouncers. Local wrecks and rock piles produce porgies and sea bass. Sandy Hook areas and inshore Sea Bright rock piles play host to fluke. Montauk codfishing holding up. Blackfishing poor throughout this month and next, except for knowledgeable skippers who specialize in this fishing along the New Jersey Coast.

New England fishermen find July's catches duplicating June's, with some slowdown in mackerel fishing for Connecticut and Rhode Island anglers as the fish migrate northward.

AUGUST: New York and New Jersey sinker bouncers find the same bill of fare as July. Few ling available on the offshore grounds. New Jersey anglers can expect a stronger showing of fluke.

New England anglers find some fluke available. Blacks in Connecticut are now found in deeper water; fluke along with them, feeding on the abundance of bergalls.

SEPTEMBER: New York and New Jersey fishermen find migrating doormat fluke on the offshore wrecks. Porgy fishing fair to good. Sea bass begin to taper off during third week of month. Blackfishing improves, but not many large fish, yet.

New England produces good blackfishing for Connecticut anglers. Rhode Island enjoys good fishing for all bottom feeders. Codfishing in Massachusetts good, but pollack thinning out.

OCTOBER: Fluke fishing fair for New Jersey fishermen, but definitely over for New York fans. Those caught are good-sized. Porgies still produce action for New York and New Jersey anglers, but quickly move off by end of third week. Ditto for sea bass, especially in New York waters. Blackfish on the scene, especially toward end of month.

New England fishermen find same action as New Yorkers with the exception of Connecticut anglers, who find blackfish willing biters.

NOVEMBER: Whiting plentiful for New York and New Jersey fishermen. Winter cod run under way by end of first week, slow at first, then rapidly increasing as the days pass. Some fish to thirty pounds. Some ling for New Jersey anglers, too. Blackfishing good for several weeks, then quickly slowing as December approaches. Mackerel passing by on return run from New England waters. Some fishermen score.

New England offers good offshore fishing when weather permits. Cod good in Massachusetts, with some pollack and haddock available. Rhode Island and Connecticut fishermen land cod and pollack.

DECEMBER: Whiting and ling produce good fishing for New York and New Jersey sinker bouncers. Cod more plentiful by mid-month, some to forty pounds and over, then tapering off just before the New Year.

Weather is now the deciding factor for New England fishermen. Massachusetts has good codfishing. Ditto for Rhode Island and Connecticut fishermen. Blackfishing goes into rapid decline as cold water grips the offshore grounds.

And there you have it!

This is party boat fishing as I have known it for many years. I am well aware that the listing may not cover the arrival and departure of certain fish to a T, and that some fish activity may have been overlooked.

I'm first to admit that the list is not infallible; its scope is extremely broad and Nature too uncertain for a mere fisherman to claim pinpoint accuracy. I may have even

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THE FISHERMAN "IQ" TEST

(1) THIS GREAT ALGAE GROWS AS MUCH AS 2 FT. PER DAY TO A LENGTH OF 200 FT. AND IS BEING EXAMINED AS A SOURCE OF FOOD. IT IS ROCKWEED ☐, KELP ☐, EELGRASS ☐.

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(2) WHY DOES A BARRACUDA ASSUME A VERTICAL HEAD-DOWN POSITION ABOVE A CORAL REEF? HE IS LOOKING FOR A MATE ☐, TAKING A NAP ☐, HUNTING ☐.

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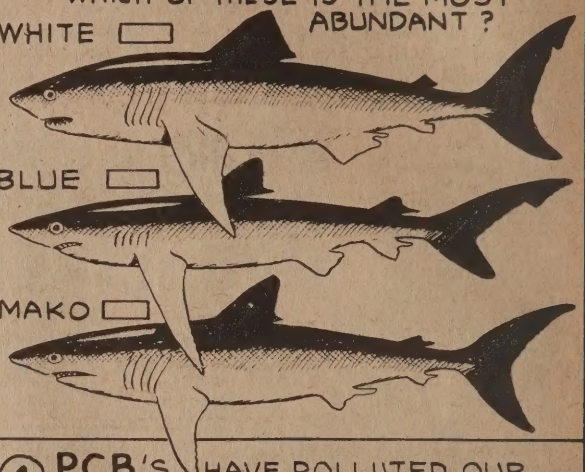

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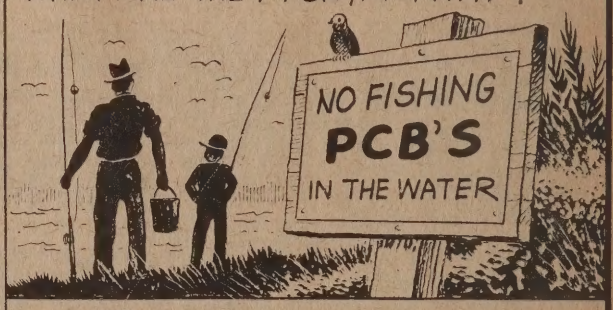
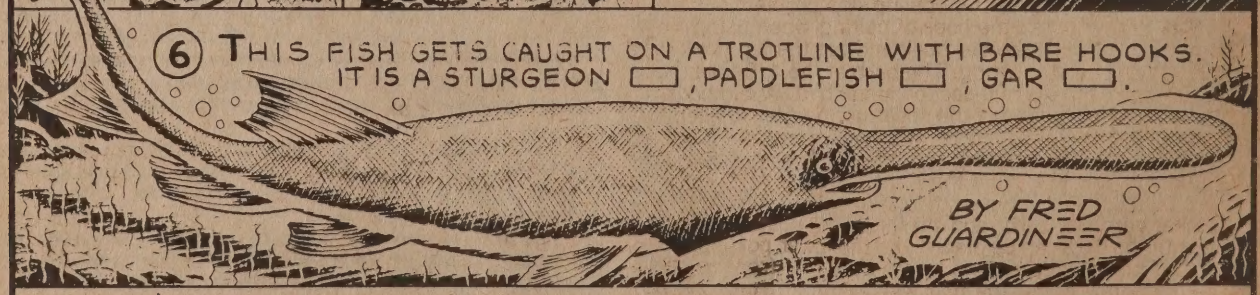


(5) ONE SHOULD NOT FONDLE, KISS OR CARESS BATS. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(6) THIS FISH GETS CAUGHT ON A TROTLINE WITH BARE HOOKS. IT IS A STURGEON ☐, PADDLEFISH ☐, GAR ☐.



BY FRED GUARDINEER

1-KELP OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST. 2-HUNTING. HE BLENDS IN WITH THE SEA GRASSES AND REMAINS MOTIONLESS UNTIL A PREY FISH COMES WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE. 3-BLUE SHARKS (12 FT.) ARE THE MOST ABUNDANT. 4-PCB'S (POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS) ARE MANUFACTURED BY THE MONSANTO CHEMICAL CO. OF ST. LOUIS, MO. AND ARE USEFUL AS FIRE RESISTANT LIQUIDS USED AS INSULATING FLUIDS IN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. 5-TRUE. ALTHOUGH IMMUNE TO RABIES, BATS CARRY THE DISEASE. 6-THE PADDLEFISH. HE SUCKS IN WEEDS AND HOOKS TOGETHER.

Fluke are very aggressive when on the feed. Crabs, squid, sand eels, snappers, smelts, killies, mackerel, clams, and even worms, have been found in the stomachs of fish caught. Each surfman has a special preference when it comes to bait. Different locations also call for different types of bait as well. A brief talk with the fishermen or the local tackle shop will give the angler all the information necessary in order to select the "proper" bait. The most popular bait used is squid. It is easy to work with and can be used with killies and spearing in combination. Fresh bait is always best to use. Bait that has been frozen and defrosted will easily tear away from the hook, especially when being casted.

Sand eels, sea robin strips, smelts, snapper, mackerel, and fluke belly are also used along the surf. Of all the baits mentioned, I've had the most success using fresh fluke belly. It is very tough and is difficult to remove from the hook. I generally cut up the first keeper and use the white belly for bait. A strip three inches by three-quarters of an inch in width is ideal when using baitholder hooks. This allows the bait to be presented so that it remains extended in a strip. More than one fish can be taken with each strip.

Despite having the right tackle, bait, and location to fish, some anglers always are outfished by others. Is this due to luck, or is there another factor responsible?

Fish are like humans when feeding. Despite hunger levels, both will feed when being attracted to a particular type of good. The smell and appearance of bait will either turn a fish on, or off. I only use fresh bait. What could be more enticing to a fish than fresh food? The answer is simple—nothing! Yet I see some guys using bait that has been frozen over four or five times, and they wonder why they aren't landing fish. The aroma and appearance of a fresh piece of bait is a sure turn-on in most types of fishing.

Bait, as everything else, is expensive; but it is hard to understand why some fishermen skimp on this important item. Money alone is not the answer to this problem. Many bait shops only stock frozen baits. It takes some legwork, but it is to the fisherman's advantage to locate stores selling fresh bait, as well as frozen.

Another problem encountered by the inexperienced angler is the actual way bait is placed on the hook. This is due to a lack of real experience. When using strip baits, it is important to remember that the strip should taper in width from top to bottom. The lower end of the strip should resemble a V-shaped contour. Strip bait is strip bait—don't wrap it up into a ball when on the hook. Keep it extended at all times. Baitholder hooks are great for solving this problem.

There are two basic methods of baiting when using fresh spearing. I use the baitholder hook and set the top hook into the eye socket of the spearing. The barb of the 1/0 beak hook is then inserted into the mid-section of the bait. Avoid hooking through the stomach area of the spearing in order to keep the bait appearing natural. Have you ever seen a spearing swimming about while having his internal organs following? Of course not—neither have the fluke.

If a baitholder is not used, hook the spearing through the eye socket with the barb, and then run the spearing up the shank until the barb can be placed into the lower portion of the spearing. This should be done to keep the bait from "balling up." After a few casts, the bait will eventually curl up and cause the same problem. It is for this reason alone that I use the baitholder hook.

Live killies should be lip hooked so that they can swim freely for lengthy periods of time. Simply run the hook through both "lips" of the killie. The rest is up to Mr. Killie.

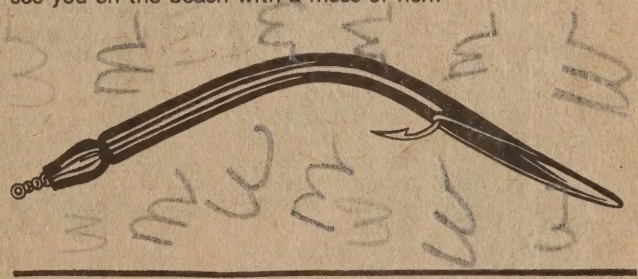
By presenting an enticing tidbit to the fish, and by following the proper techniques involved, you have eliminated 99 percent of all the problems a productive surfman should worry about.

Having obtained all the gear and bait necessary, a good area to fish in mid-June through July, is Coney Island. The jetties between 28th Street and the pier, all hold fish, but must be worked early to avoid hassles with the lifeguards. The pier also produces early in the season, but also should be fished early in the morning. Traveling east, the jetties from Brighton 5th Street to the Seawall, are true hotspots. Strip baits and artificials fished in this area are deadly. Fluke, bass, and "Monster sea robins" are taken in this stretch. Again, the key word is early.

The Breezy Pt. Jetty is a very productive area in July and August. Casting westward, 30 to 50 feet out, lies a dropoff usually holding many fluke. This dropoff runs parallel to the jetty and can be fished during all stages of the tide. The most productive spot runs from mid-jetty to about 20 feet from the tip. The fish here range from shorts to three pounders, and a moving tide is highly productive. The strip of beach along Beach 20th Street to Beach 9th Street, in East Rockaway, is an excellent area to fish surf or jetty. The first hour or two of the tide provides most of the action. When the tide runs fast, fishing becomes difficult—if not impossible. Many good-sized fish are taken about 20 feet from the tip of the jetty used as the green channel marker (#9). This is my favorite spot to fish from June through August. The tide creates a rip along this jetty and the fluke feast on all the trapped bait fish in the area. Fluke belly is a good bait here because of the great amount of action. Avoid fishing slack water! The crabs will eat you alive. The Silver Point Jetty is directly across from East Rockaway. The midpoint just past the Cabana Club's parking lot yielded much action last season, but most of the fish were shorts. Artificials worked before the heavy boat traffic took bass, as well as two to three pound fluke. A good "hotspot" for small fish is the sandy beach area between the jetty and the Coast Guard Station. Strip bait is very effective. Good sized snappers move in during late August, and are an added bonus. The shoreline of Reynold's Channel in the Atlantic Beach area should be fished in June. Try fishing behind the beach clubs near Clayton Avenue. Many keepers are taken here and great catches have been made throughout the season.

Fluke are aggressive feeders, but it is of great importance to keep the bait free from seaweed and grass. Your rig must be **clean!** Try working with the lightest sinker possible, and keep the rig moving along the bottom. All fish under 14 inches must be returned in accordance with the New York State Conservation Law.

These fish are very tasty and can be taken in numbers. Limit the area you fish and learn from the "regulars." Hope to see you on the beach with a mess of fish.



SINKER BOUNCING: ***Why Party Boats?***
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overlooked some fish of importance to local anglers. But don't let that throw you. It is accurate enough for you to anticipate your fishing activities for the year.

At least, you won't be guessing at what to expect as the seasons progress. You'll be able to make proper preparation beforehand, plus ample time to bone up on how best to go about putting the fish of your choice in the bucket. And that's the name of the game!

As I mentioned earlier, this concludes this series of articles on party boat fishing. I've given you my reasons why I thought party boat fishing can't be topped, and we've discussed all the elements I believe are necessary for successful fishing. The rest is up to you.

Once you make a trip of two, I know someone is bound to ask! "Why do you fish on party boats?" It won't be necessary to grope for an answer. You'll know.

And you'll have the fish to prove it!

Fish Finding

by Capt. John C. Henning

Last year, Bicentennial and all, only two things raised the salt in our blood. Those tall ships really were something else. Our spirits soared and everyone privileged to have witnessed this spectacular event has a lifetime of memories to relive.

Second, and also dear to my heart, was the presence of the ever-popular sea bass. Little matter what species your sailed forth to catch; when you struck out, the sea bass picked up the slack. It certainly has been many a year since these critters were so bountiful. I surely hope this coming year will produce as well.

In quantity the sea bass couldn't possibly repeat, too many were caught. This year, the quality could be something else.

We fervently hope most of us returned those little "pins" to their briny homes. I suppose at forty cents a pound in the round, not too many went back. I know sea bass make for fine table fare. I enjoy eating it and recommend it to you as prime. I'll be darned, however, if I can see forty cents a pound for seven inch fish. Do you eat the scales, too?

This brings up a story: last summer, I had on board, a two family charter. It was supposed to be a basic picnic type party. You know—lots of fun, drinks and sun. Well, we wet a line or two, and sure as the tide rises, so did a fish.

This cute little girl gets all excited over this tremendous strain tugging against her bulging muscles. Sure enough, this snarling, slimy cuss gets bounced off the gunwale, slid across the transom, and plopped on the deck. After Mom and Pop congratulate their beaming little fisherwoman, the captain reaches down and flips back this howling experience from whence it came. Twelve inch fluke really don't quite make the skillet.

You bet! I'm in trouble. No one—including yours truly—had the foresight to explain the size rules. Everyone knows fourteen inches is minimum. Everyone except your charter and their crying daughter. Boy, I'm about the worst type of !! Well, anyway, I'm now considered tainted.

Gently sitting down on a bait bucket, I try to explain the reason for the size requirement and conservation to curly head. Well, Pop snarls, "just what else do you throw back?" Small stripers naturally, sixteen inches, don't forget giant tuna. This just could be one of those days and I'm not taking any chances. Everyone on board already knows I'm mean, nasty and all that gook!

Yep! You guessed it—the little lady with the curls does it again. The second fish of the day. Soon everyone will want to fish.

After all the wows, gees and pictures, I remember to ask permission to throw back this soon-to-reach-eight-inch specimen. "Now, wait a minute." Pop put down his beer and was reaching for—well, it wasn't a fishing pole. Perhaps he had ideas of stretching my neck to resemble one. "This isn't a fluke, and stripers have stripes, without a doubt it's no 300 pound tuna—so how come we can't have it mounted?"

Mounted!! This time I sit in the bait bucket, at least that changed the snarling to a grin. I'm good for something after all. Hey, put down the knife; I'm not the bait, just smell like it.

Now tell me, whoever heard of an eight inch sea bass being mounted. At $70 (minimum charge) who wouldn't elect to throw this little critter back? Mom votes with a "well??. Pop, "$70 bucks," and Curly Head marches off to the refrigerator, the scaly one in tow. Look honey, there'll be more and bigger (sure there will). Throw him back and he'll send over his big brothers. Me and my big mouth.

Sure, we caught a lot more fish that day, mostly the same size. As the one sport summed up, "I ruined a perfect day." Everyone who chartered the boat to fish wound up doing just that—fishing. We simply had to get Curly Head a big one, and I the credit for the mount. What better advertising can I get (where did you catch that)?

Enough ten to twelve inch bass passed under the fillet knife. The few fluke didn't do much better. Sorry to say, the taxidermist didn't fare as well. That four-pound fluke just didn't "look enough like a fish." Well, Curly didn't catch it; her brother did. I suppose in that lies another story.

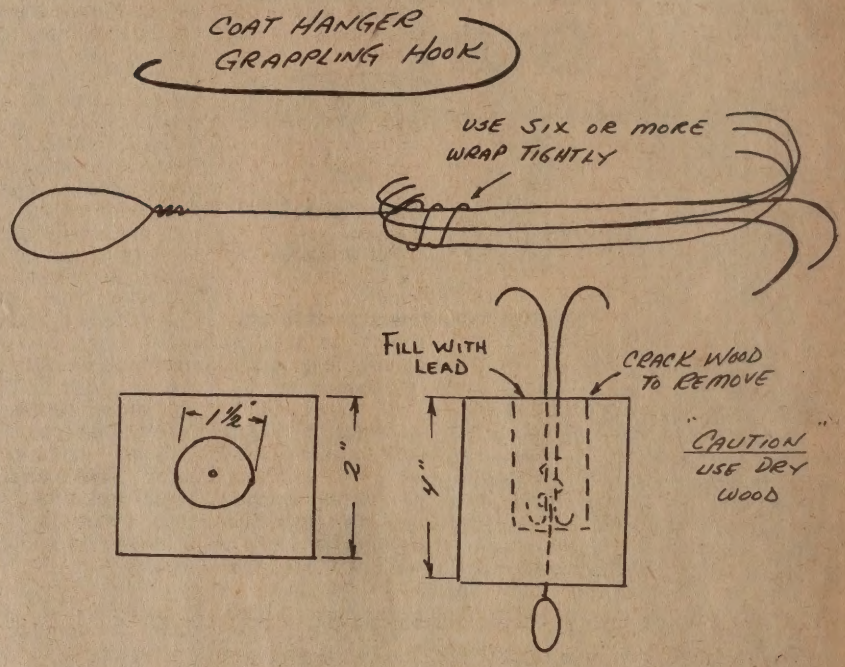
On the way in, the two happy fathers rode the flying bridge with me. They naturally were interested in just how come I fished some spots rather than others. "Just why didn't the party boats fish where we did?"

Well, I'd like to think I know more than they do, but of course, that's a big mouthful to swallow. However, in this reference lies the whole reason for writing this.

Just why did I fish different spots than most of the fleet? I certainly join the mob from time to time, when it's generally good fishing. However, when the fish become stubborn and go off their feed, there are a few hard-learned lessons to fall back on.

I'm sure most old salts guard their secret spots and techniques with jealousy. If this be your bag, live in it. How the hell you can hide from the public and fish these private haunts. I want you and me to catch fish.

I've paid my dues and will continue to. If I give you a little help that won't relieve you of your obligation. So, instead of "thinking" I have hotspots and keeping them for myself, I'll share some with you. Heck, one of these days, you'll be fishing over that piece of bottom you have learned how to find and I'll sail by. Need I say more.



That old metal coat hanger that doesn't, is going to make you a fine fish finder. Pick it up off the floor and let's put it to excellent use. Nothing fancy here guys—perhaps the cruder the better.

Take the metal and cut it into eight inch pieces. Bend a gentle hook at one end, a smaller tight one at the other. (See diagram.) Now, place six of these fish finders together by wrapping another piece of the hanger around them, **tightly**. Don't worry about the spacing; that can be bent into shape later.

You are just starting to pay your dues; bet you can't wait to use this, eh? **HA!** A small block of wood, 2" x 4" will work perfectly. Drill a hole using a wood auger about 1½ inches in diameter, two inches or so deep. Nothing fancy. Now drill a hole the size of the metal hanger through the piece of wood. Take this whole bundle of love and stick it through the wood. Then bend an eye in the straight end, protruding through this small hole.

You're still with me. Pay attention now—this is important. The 2 x 4 block of wood must be **dry**. The next step is to lock the whole mess together and provide the working weight. Fill the whole with molten lead.

We now take our weapon to our local fish store. No, you don't threaten the guy behind the counter. You are supposed to go to **the** fish store, and throw it overboard. Oh! You did tie on a rope. While you are building this, make several—they don't last.

What's that? You threw it over and it flats. Well, break off the wood; boy, are you—. Only one fish finder per mold, I'm afraid. Must keep the mold-maker happy.

Well, salt, it won't find the fish laying there. Pull it in. Who talked you into this mess, eh? You'll earn your salt now, pay your dues by inspecting what this contraption has brought up. Shells, mud, sand, coral—boy, that's what it's all about. Finding the right bottom is finding the fish. Don't laugh too soon. You'll find some very small, highly productive areas this way. I often get into the general position, then locate the exact spots this way. If you don't think it makes a difference, wait till the tide changes and moves you off.

Bet anything your little captains will gladly make or use this gadget. Look at all the sinkers they'll catch compared to your few fish. Never have a problem on the "Blue Claw"; they all want to find that rod and reel. The possibilities are endless.

Remember, you don't want to pull up the bottom or remain fixed to something huge. Use the coat hanger; it will unbend and pull free. The retrieving line should be stout enough not to break before the hook straightens out. Practice on shore.

As I relayed this to these happy buddies, their reaction was rather one of indifference. "It's not much fun your way, we'd rather do it ours." "We'll pay you for the day, let you do the work and go home relaxed." As for the rest of my good buddies out there, this may not be fancy, but by using it you'll be paying your dues.

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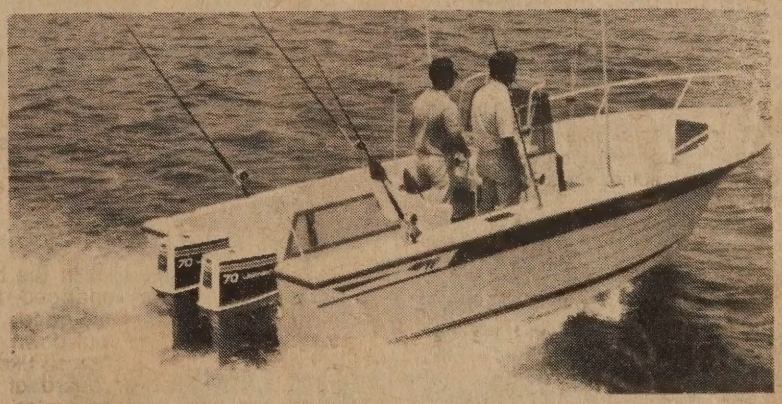

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South Shore Bridge Fishing

by John V. Konior

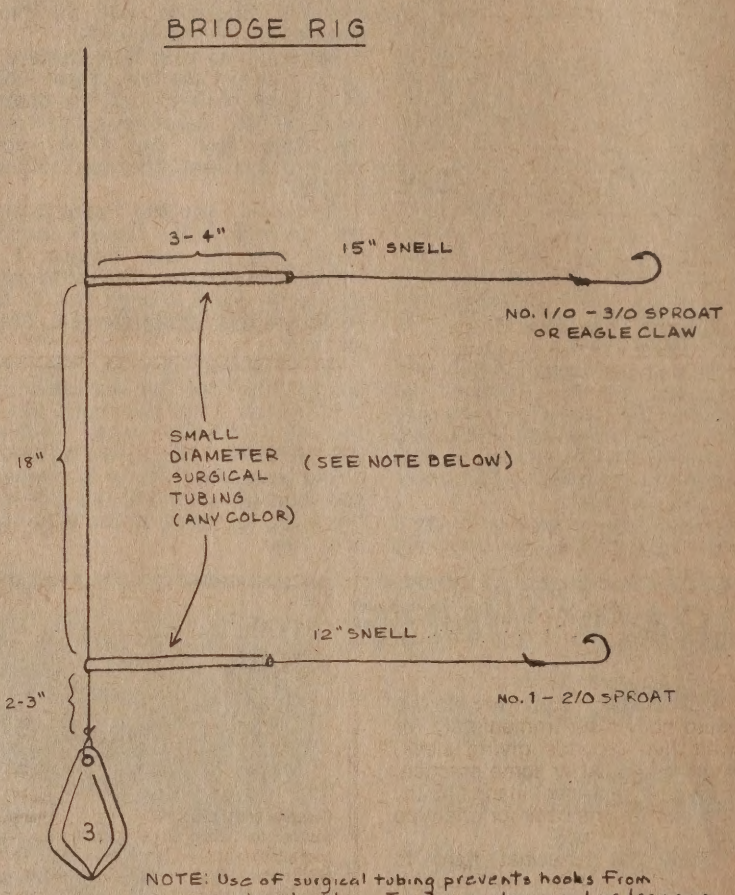
I'm quite sure that travelers heading out to Jones Beach from Long Beach/Pt. Lookout and the Mainland, have realized that they've crossed a number of bridges getting there. Depending upon the route taken, you've crossed at least three bridges. What few readers may realize is that there are actually nine bridge in the immediate or near vicinity of Jones Inlet and that these bridges offer some of the finest fishing during late August and throughout September/early October. These bridges are as follows: three bridges connecting Long Beach/Pt. Lookout to the Meadowbrook Parkway; three bridges along the Meadowbrook Parkway, and three bridges along the Wantagh Parkway.

Unfortunately, a good number of years ago, Bob Moses in his infinite wisdom decided to eliminate bridge fishing for the shore-bound angler, although a few hardy anglers having the stamina to hoof it, are occasionally found plying the waters surrounding the bridges. It is, alas, strictly illegal to fish from the bridges directly, however.

Fortunately for the boating angler this is not the case, and many a boat is found fishing these bridges around the clock. The variety and abundance of fish habiting these bridges is almost boundless. Though generally known that stripers, weaks and blacks frequent the bridges, many anglers are unaware that sea bass, porgy, and big fluke and blowfish can also be caught, particularly during the late summer doldrum period. I have also caught rare species to these waters such as pilot fish and jacks, and it goes without saying a ton of large snappers and an occasional large kingfish. From the standpoint of brevity, I won't go into the virtual year-round fishing opportunity at these bridges, but will concentrate on the late August/September/early October periods.

Through years of experience, I have always found it amusing to bring my catch of large luke and sea bass, with a generous smattering of other species, back to the dock to the accompaniment of "oohs" and "ahs." When asked where I caught them, I always replied, "about 10 minutes from the dock." I've had anglers and boatmen downright disbelieve me, with such statements as, "come on, you're putting me on," or "baloney, the Bay doesn't hold fish that size." and, "this time of year? Only the inlet or open ocean can possibly harbor those monsters." Well, shame on them, because after awhile, I simply let them believe what they wanted to believe.

Now I offer some advice and leave it up to you to believe or not. Every angler knows that the late August period is a slow pick in the Bay. This is also true for September—particularly for fluke. I know, you're going to say that you've got some hotspot areas (such as the State Channel at Zach's Bay), and so do I; but try something else without having to drift or chum. Simply pick out one of the bridges (I favor the second Meadowbrook, and second and third Wantagh bridges) and proceed as follows: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NOTE: Use of surgical tubing prevents hooks from entangling line. Tie dropper loops on line leaving a large loop. Slip surgical tubing over snell of hook. Join snell of hook (loop) with dropper loop on line. Slip surgical tube over loops, approximately 1/2 inch past and up on line.

—Check the direction of current and anchor into the bridge in the direction with the current.

—Make sure that the boat is between 10-20 feet from the bridge.

—Never anchor in the main channel passage of the bridge, and even when properly off to the side, allow for swing which may move you into the main channel.

—As with all anchoring, allow sufficient scope to ensure holding. The proper scope (length of anchor line from bottom to cleat) should be five to seven times the depth of water. You don't want to chance pulling out because the current is generally swift around the bridges and your boat won't take kindly to colliding with a concrete bridge abutment.

—Although you've seen it done, never tie up across bridge abutments, and I don't recommend tying up to the bridge either. These are dangerous practices, because a speeding boat may not see you in time, or wakes from passing boats could cause your boat to bang into a bridge abutment or piling.

—Anchoring just off the bridge, with some swing involved, allows you to cover more ground. If the swing is too annoying, set a second anchor to stabilize.

—Be alert and observe signs at some bridges which advertise "**Cable Crossing.**" Don't anchor on the side of the bridge which indicates this, unless you want to take a chance on losing an expensive anchor.

Tide is not important, but the best time for bridge fishing for fluke, sea bass, and porgy (and other species for that matter) is two hours before and after slack tide. Try to time your fishing to coincide with these periods by simply checking the Tide Charts published weekly in the "Long Island Fisherman." Okay, now you're there and what do you do?

First—tackle: use spinning or conventional tackle, but keep the line on the heavy side—15 pound test spinning, 20-25 pound test conventional. Currents are generally strong, and obstructions and marine growths abound; so unless you enjoy and can afford to lose terminal tackle, enough said. Also, the sinker may be quite heavy, from two to six ounces, depending on what it takes to hold bottom. Now bait: use what you prefer, but I generally stick with only two kinds—skimmer clams and killies. I've had great success in catching a variety of fish with these baits, including the large fluke that I've mentioned. The only drawback to clams is that the pesky Bergall will take its toll. Rigs: I use a hi-lo rig with a 3/0 Eagle Claw, three foot snell, on the bottom baited with a killie; a #3 Sproat, 18 inch snell, about two feet above the bottom hook, baited with clam strips. Occasionally, I switch the baits around. I've caught many a large fluke on the clam and a sea bass on the killie, but the reverse generally holds true. Beginners may find the combo rig a bit difficult at first because sea bass (and porgy) hit rapidly and it is necessary to set the hook immediately; whereas the hook should not be set immediately for fluke (wait five seconds giving slack, then set the hook). After some practice, however, you'll get the hang of it. Otherwise, stick to one hook for one type of fish, or use two rods.

What may be somewhat hard to believe is the size of the fish caught: through recent years, I've picked up fluke ranging up to eight pounds and larger. The sea bass, for some reason, are often every bit as large as the ocean-going variety, and in many instances, real whoppers up to four pounds. What makes the fishing very interesting is that you will inevitably pick up a mess of snappers and some other species.

If you are interested in trying the bridges and the methods I have described one day, you will no doubt find me at one of the bridges also. By the way, as the season progresses, bring along some fiddler crabs. Replace the bottom hook with a suitable Virginia style, and enjoy catching some nice size blackfish. Switch over around the third week in September.

Maybe you will enjoy, as I do, watching the boats sail by into their so-called "Greener pastures," while you relax a few minutes from the dock, socking it to the fish. Try it—I guarantee you'll like it!

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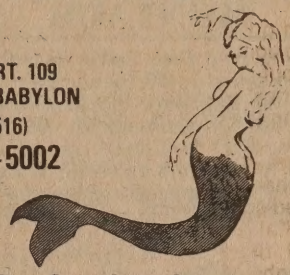

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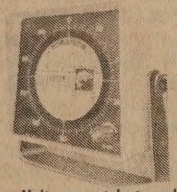

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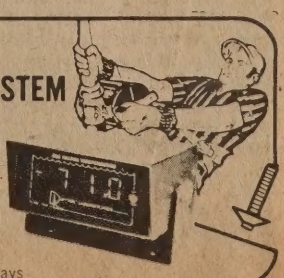

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Charterboat **Free Spirit** called to say that he sailed to 40 Fathoms on Friday where he dropped a big mako after the 4th jump, fish estimated at 250 pounds. A 140 pound brown shark was taken, two others tagged and released along with some blue shark. On Saturday Frank again sailed to 40 Fathoms where he had a 198 lb. blue shark. Sunday Frank was out again to 180 feet of water where he took two blue shark in the 160 lb. class.

L-R: William Abromatis of Bayside with a 9 lb. fluke and Mark Tesoriero with a 7 lb. fluke. During three days last week, 100 fishermen took over 600 fluke. Photo courtesy of Capt. Richard Rade of the MARLIN IV.

Catch of the week made at Montauk was the 1039 lb. mako shark brought into the West Lake Fishing Lodge. Charter boats arriving early in the area between Midway and the Sub Buoy have been murdering the weakfish in unbelievable numbers. Schools of big mackerel are also providing a lot of action in the same area. Blue shark fishing south of the Point remains at excellent proportions. Five white marlin were also taken there and weighed in at the Star Island Yacht Club. Fluke fishing is fair, cod action excellent at Coxes Ledge and the porgy fishing is good.

Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** called to say that the weakfishing around the Submarine buoy has been fantastic early in the morning just after first light. On Wednesday, the boat's charter took 35 weakfsih. Warren said that the bluefishing has been spotty and erratic off Block Island, but the shark fishing remains excellent.

Captain Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** said that he has been fishing around the lighthouse with very good results. Capt. Bud says that you have to have "Porgy Rhythm" to catch porgies 2 at a time. They have it and show their customers how. Hi-hooks for the better part of the week ranged from the 70's to 80's.

Capt. Jimmy Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** reported that the cod fishing at Coxes Ledge was very good with the average fish in the 18 to 22 lb. range. The poolfish is usually in the 40 to 50 lb. class daily. Jimmy said that the boat is now sailing nitely for those big Monster Montauk Blues. Call for further info.

Captain John DeMaio of the charterboat **Vivienne** reported that diamond jigs did a good job on striped bass late in the week. On Wednesday the charter took 15 bass that weighed 300 lbs., and the catch on Friday was 20 bass with a combined weight of 400 lbs. But the bass fishing died on the weekend, and only a couple of fish were taken on Saturday and Sunday.

"Al's biggest yet!" A 9½ ft., 202 lb. blue shark caught by Al Bradick aboard the MODAR II with Capt. Pete Van Alst. The fish was taken on July 9th within sight of the Montauk light.

Capt. Frank of the charterboat **Hurry Up** said that if you arrive at the Sub buoy early enough you can really murder the weakfish. Frank's charter did just that on Wednesday and took 95 big weakfish in a short period of time. After the weakfish action days, you can load up on all the big mackerel you want in the same area. The Captain said that he took a busman's holiday on Thursday night and bagged a 52 lb. bass trolling plugs despite the lack of a moon. (So much for "Formula" fishing.)

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Al Carrigan, E. J. Brennan, Charlie Harkins, Mac Maguire and mate, Bill Philps with their catch after a busy day of tagging blue sharks and losing a big mako aboard the BARRACUDA.

Marina told us that Lou Rosado of Hermann's Sporting Goods made an excellent catch of bass fishing live eels on Saturday night. Five fish were taken in the 35 to 40 lb. range. Porgy fishing has been good at Great Eastern and the weakfish are very thick in the area between the Sub Buoy and the Midway Buoy, but you have to be there early. Fluke fishing has been fair with the fish scattered all over the area and not thick in any one place. Best bet is the North Rips, Gin Beach, Shagwong and Can 5. John said that the marina has just added a new building on the premises. The tackle department has been expanded and Jeff Stevens is doing fiberglass repair work on the premises. A repair department for boat engines will also be operating in the near future.

Captain Ted Monel of the charterboat **Bronco** said that Sunday's charter fished 2 hours southeast of the lighthouse and took 12 blue sharks. Eight were tagged and released. Ted said that they also had a swordfish swim into the slick, but it was spooked as soon as it saw the boat.

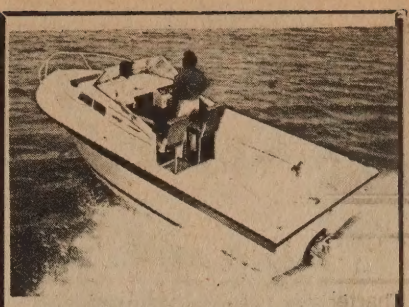
Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called Monday morning to let us know that five white marlin were taken by boats at the marina on Sunday. Capt. Ronnie Goldberg on the "BarBar Jack" took four, releasing two and weighing in fish of 90 and 73 lbs. respectfully. Wayne Bourbette brought in a white marlin of 77 lbs, and the "Starling" had one on that was lost and saw many others. All the marlin were taken trolling whole baits about 35 miles from the Point. Richard Towlen of the "Our Pleasure Two" took two yellowfin tuna of 60 and 53 lbs. about 50 miles south of the Point. Doc Cohen of the "Dave S II" reported taking so many weakfish that he started releasing them. Ronnie Goldberg of the "BarBar Jack" also scored earlier in the week with 22 pollack weighing a total of 500 lbs. fishing southeast of Block Island about 6 miles. Drifting with diamond jigs, the key is to find the bait fish with a good depthfinder.

Ed Miller from the **West Lake Fishing Lodge** called to tell us about the 1,039 lb. mako shark that was brought into the marina on Sunday. Two brothers, Jimmy and Doug George of New Jersey, were chumming from their private boat "Craps II" in 240 foot of water 170 degrees south of the Point. They used four boxes of bunker chum, many lbs. of fat and bones from cows that was provided by a slaughterhouse friend, chunked with a flat of bunker and used whole mackerel for bait. The mako made at least ten "spectacular" jumps, one of which was estimated to be thirty feet high. Fought on 80-lb. test mono, the big fish was fought on rod and reel for four and half hours before the anglers got a little nervous when the mako started making rushes at the 28 ft. Silverton Skiff, which is an open boat. It was then harpooned from the side of the vessel, which lacked a pulpit. (Editor's Note: If the beef parts weren't used annd the fish wasn't harpooned, the mako would have been the second largest mako shark ever taken on rod and reel, according to the records kept by the International Game Fish Association.)

Eddie went on to say that the charterboat **Ebb Tide** took a 306 lb. blue shark on Saturday and had over 100 weakfish at the Sub Buoy on Thursday's charter. Fluke fishing has been off and on. Capt. Art Munday of the charterboat **Darius II** has been finding sharks for his charters as close in as 95 fet of water. Mrs. Linda Hopp took a 198 lb. blue shark for her "first fish ever." On Saturday 7 blue sharks were taken, and Sunday's score was 12. Only one shark was kept each day with the rest tagged and released.

Bill of **Gone Fishing Marina** called to say that Felix Pesinkowski and two friends from Bethpage fished from their 20 foot Pro-Line and had 34 fluke and several large seabass one mile from the jetty at Shagwong on squid and sandeels. The fluke averaged about 4 lbs. with the largest almost 10 lbs. Capt. Hank Neville was a guide on the "Elssi IV", a 53 ft. Hatteras operated by Capt. Ray Doane. Angler Ted Wilbert, the owner, caught and landed a 148 lb.

Peter, John and Dominic show five of the nine bass up to 24 lbs. taken on Ava Diamond jigs aboard Capt. John DeMaio's charterboat VIVIENNE.



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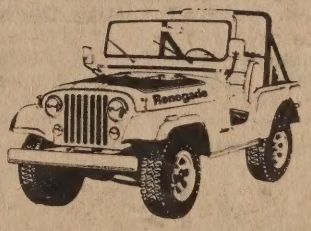

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Captain Phil Lewis of the charterboat **Adios** reported that the weakfishing between the Midway and Sub Buoys has been excellent. The fishing is in fast and furious flurries when you find them. The action is early in the morning, and it's largely a matter of being in the right place at the right time. You can also catch all the big mackerel you want in the same area. Shark fishing south of the Point remains excellent with average catches ranging between 10 to 20 blue sharks a trip.

Captain Ronnie Grandinetti of the **Julie III** and his charters caught close to 1000 lbs. of porgies and sebass and 27 fluke last weekend.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** reported that it was a good week for catching weakfish 4 to 7 lbs. from the east side of Gardiners Island to Hicks Island. The weaks are feeding on sandeels and have been a little finnicky, but good catches are made when you find them. Small bluefish 2 to 4 lbs. are mixed in. Porgy fishing has been both good and steady for mixed sizes ranging from a half to 2 lbs. Best areas are Gardiners Island, Cartwright Island and can 3. Fluking has been improving but is still no bonanza. Best catch was 18 fish to 7½ lbs. around the no. 2 Nun Buoy.

EAST HAMPTON

Bill Cox of the **3-Mile Harbor Fishing Station** reported that there are porgies galore at Cedar Point, ranging up to 2 lbs. and being taken on skimmer clams and chumming. Nice weakfish are mixed in and are being taken on squid strips.. A lot of 2½ lb. porgies are being taken at Pond Rock off Gardiners Island. Fluke are being taken in the same area on sandeels. Fishing is definitely picking up.

SHINNECOCK

The **Captain Clark Boats** having been having excellent porgy fishing on the local wrecks in Peconic Bay. The fish are mixed sizes, with average catches of 40 to 50 fish a man. Each angler is also adding about 15 kingfish to their bags, a welcome sight. On Friday Jimmy Tugliese of North Babylon was hi-hook with 91 fish on the Capt. Clark II. On Sunday over 1000 fish were taken by only 17 anglers. Fred Atterbury of Brooklyn was hi-hook with 88 fish. The Capt. Clark II has been fishing the Panther Wreck and Shinnecock Artificial Reef for seabass with excellent results when the weather permits the boat to make the trip.

HAMPTON BAYS

Frank's Fishing Station reports good fluke fishing over the weekend. Best catch was 30 fish, with the average boat taking 14 to 18 fluke. Best fishing has been at the mouth of Smith Creek and also at buoy 20. The fish are hitting sand eels and squid best on all tides.

Tony's Fishing Station also reported very good fluke fishing over the weekend right in front of the station at buoys 20 and 21. Average catch has been 12 to 15 fluke a boat. Fish are taking a killie or sand eel and squid combination on any moving tide. Best fluke to be taken in the station's fishing contest is a 10 lb. 4 oz. doormat.

Jimmy at **Corr's Fishing Station** said

Bill Ziesel, Jerry O'Connor and Lee Potter caught 20 fluke from two to six pounds on July 9th. Photo courtesy of Tadsen's Fishing Station and Marina. Inc.

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that the fluke fishing in Shinnecock Bay showed great improvement this last week. Most boats averaged 8 to 15 keepers with many anglers taking 25 to 30 fish. Best action has been on the early morning tides using sand eels or shiner with a squid teaser. Live killies and small snappers also got excellent results. The best fishing areas remain the East Channel by Shinnecock Inlet and the chanel from the Coast Guard Station to the Ponquogue Bridge. Peconic Bay porgy fishing is still good with catches up to 50 small and medium fish still being taken. Use skimmers and worms for bait and use bunker chum when the fish are located for a big catch.

MORICHES BAY

Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station reported that the fluke fishing was very good at the Coast Guard Station between buoys 36 and 39. Action has been best on incoming water and the fish seem to be taking a killie and squid combo best. The biggest fish can be found in the east cut of the inlet. There aren't there, but those that are are over 2½ pounds and range up to 9¾ pounds.

Fluke fishing was good on both days of the weekend, according to reports out of **L&M Marine.** Action was best early on the incoming tide but it was a good pick all day long. Average catch has been 20 to 25 fish per boat and high hook on Sunday was 27 fluke that were all over 16 inches and averaged 3 to 4 pounds. This catch was made during the incoming at buoy 39 on sand eels and squid. There are a lot of bluefish outside the inlet but they seem to just be playing and have been frustrating the anglers.

Romona at the **Silly Lily Fishing Station** reported that the fluke fishing has been improving daily. On Sunday two men, Tony Holic and Charles Griffin had 26 keepers fishing between buoys 36 and 38. Sand eels and squid combo has been the best bait. Romona said that those using a light sinker and dropping back to sucking fish have been having the best results.

Pictured left to right: Ken Washington, John Magerl and Bob Bell with fluke taken out of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

MASTIC BEACH

Snappers all over the place reports **Stiriz's Fishing Station**, best on spearing. Best fluking this week has been from buoys 19 to 27 on all tides with the largest of the weekend caught by Clarence Kropp and Rich King with sand eels and spearing, fish of 5 and 6 pounds respectively. Small blues at buoys 13, 24, and at the bridge taken on the bottom with sand eels and spearing on fluke rigs. Eels and crabs can be had to some extent at buoy 17. Just a few weaks, blacks and sea bass scattered, nothing to plan a trip around.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports that Al Morgan, Doc Pine and Mr. Miller again fished 3 trips this week taking over

Jim Raneri with a 135 lb. thresher shark which he caught aboard the charterboat ROGUE II out of Moriches. Several blue sharks were caught in addition to the thresher.

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75 weaks on squid, fishing off Point-O-Woods and the Pines. Fish averaged 4 pounds. Still some fluke of very good sized being taken on sand eels off Ocean Beach along with a few kingfish. Sting ray sharpie Ed Felice took a 70 pound monster this week at the Captree Inlet. Way to go, Ed.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports lots of small 1½ to 3½ pound weakfish east of buoy 30 and off Heckscher on squid and small salty dogs. The ebb seems to be best. Some fluke, kings and blues taken in the same area, all on the drift. Some chumming helps. Ask Marty for the hot spots.

OAK BEACH

A couple of good stripers were weighed in as evidenced by Don Ahearn of Great River fishing an eel on Friday and nabbing a 22.8 lb. striper in the Gilgo surf. Not to be out done, Mass. angler Ron Volz also fishing an eel took a 42.2 lb. striper in the same Gilgo surf on Saturday. Weakfish in the inlet with blues mixed in mainly mornings and evenings on trolled umbrellas and tubes. Fluking this weekend was excellent in the inlet from the lighthouse to the jetty. Blacks and porgies are being caught in the local rock piles on clam.

BAY SHORE

Carl at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** tells us that Joe Moran, and Ed Wagner took 27 keeper fluke off the Coast Guard Station on Wednesday fishing sand eels and squid on Joe's boat "Sea Hunt." Bill Rogers of Bay Shore had 22 keepers all by himself fishing west of the Moses Bridge with sand eels and squid. Blues up to 2 pounds in the bay in the morning and late afternoon-eve on Striper Swipers or on Hopkins. Loads of snappers in the bay for the kids and for us big guys too. Carl's children Richard and Stacey Miller had 40 snappers in just two hours this weekend. Cholera is holding bluefish offshore and a few blues being taken inshore off Lido for diamond jiggers and trollers on umbrellas and bananas. Some stripers being chummed on the outside reef and the bridges are holding up. Bass taken on bellies in the bay are still being weighed in. Quite a few yellowfin tuna and a few marlin knock-downs out at Hudson Canyon.

CAPTREE

The Captain Eddie B has asked us to announce that he will be running special fluke trips every Friday in August from 6 A.M. to 1 P.M. by reservation only with a 22 man limit. Eddie can be reached at 516 884-5452 or 516 289-6899.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported that the bluefishing has been decent with average catches of 50 to 75 fish a night and a few nights saw as many as 100 choppers taken. One one day trip, 350 blues were taken for 12 men.

Tony Giaccone and Tony, Jr. of Bright Waters with a 5½ lb. weakfish caught off Robert Moses Beach on sandworms. Photo courtesy of Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the charterboat **Lady Ann** said that the fluke fishing has been excellent everywhere from the inlet to Ocean Beach and the boat has been averaging between 150 and 200 a trip. The size of the fish has been excellent with about one third of the catch in the 3 lb. class. Very few shorts. The pool has been taken by a 4½ lb. or better fluke daily. Neil said that the boat has been sailing open from Ocean Beach, Fire Island every Monday and Thursday. Two trips are being made at 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. each day. The rest of the time the boat is still chartering out of the Captree Boat Basin. The captain said that anglers have been catching between 5 and 15 fluke per man on these 4 hour trips.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** reported that there has been continuous good fluking with the fish nice sized. Pool fish is usually in the 4 to 5 lb. range with a few during the week in the 7 to 8 lb. class. Gordon said that there is a large body of fish from buoy 20 all the way to the inlet. Best action has been around the change of the tide but it has been a good pick throughout the day. An occasional large weakfish is also being taken. Captain said there is also a good showing of fish around the Bell Buoy and between buoys 2 and 4 in the inlet.

Captain Eddie Brincat of the charterboat **Eddie B** called to say that on Saturday he had the "Starfish Fishing Club" of Brooklyn out fluke fishing. Charlie Montgomery was high hook with 18 fluke up to 4 pounds. Best action has been during the top of the flood between the inlet and the lighthouse. The captain said fishing was good on Sunday, but not quite as good as it was on Saturday.

BABYLON

A new big body of fluke has hit the inlet, reports **Augie's Bait and Tackle.** As evidenced by 15 keepers for Frank Losasso and Bill Peters of Deer Park, on killies at the Coast Guard Station on the ebb. Lots of keepers from the Coast Guard Station to Democratic Pt. Charles Lecesse and son Charles Jr., Joe and John Kaiser had 35 fluke and 3 big sea bass at the big Meadowbrook Bridge on squid and killies. Big numbers of fluke are now being taken with incoming best. A lot of small blues in the inlet and big weakfish, all on green bananas and the 1½ oz. Hopkins with evenings best. Allison tuna at Hudson Canyon. Two fish in the 60 lb. range were weighed in at Augie's. There are also lots of big maurading bluefish at the canyon.

Charlie's Fishing Station reports good action all week long and weekend also on the fluke. John Groshans and buddies from Bay Shore had a good mess of fish, as did Ken Strothcamp of Astoria using squid and sand eels fishing the Coast Guard Station and the State Channel. Occasional blues are hitting the fluke rigs. All of Charlie's skiffs are catching.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Bait and Tackle reports a large body of bluefish in 120-160 feet of water due south of F.I. Inlet with chum working best. Whiting and blues on jigs at the NB Buoy in 98 feet of water. Fluke in solid and strong all throughout the Fire Island Inlet area on sand eels, squid or killies. Harry Kirsher of Lindenhurst and Charlie Zembrzyski of W. Islip on his boat "Northern Light" had 42 keeper fluke taken on the flood at the inlet between the Old Construction Dock and Democratic Pt. Fish ran from 2 to 4 pounds on sand eels. Weaks and small blues being jigged and trolled in 35 to 55 feet of water both east and west of Fire Island Inlet. The weaks are big and this is all on umbrellas and tubes on wire. Stripers slowed a lot but a few are still being taken in the inlet at night on eels. Clam chummers don't seem to be doing as well. Lots of snappers at the docks and blue claws making a very slow appearance. Blowfish at the Copiague Town Beach on anything. The canyon is offering an offshoreman's variety of bonito, bluefin tuna, allison tuna and marlin.

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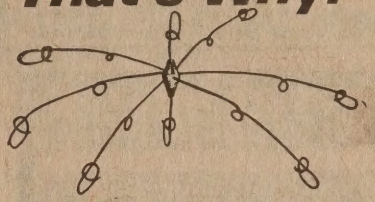

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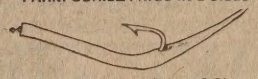

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Sea Horse bailed fluke like crazy on Saturday on both trips all day long. Best areas are from the lighthouse to the Inlet with sand eels or killies, killies working best. Lots of sharks from 125-145 feet of water, 155-175 degrees, mainly blue shark. A huge mako shark topping 1000 pounds was taken at Montauk this week, with the possibility of a world record on a 27 foot private boat. Weaks at the inside artificial reef close to the radar dock with bunker chum in a small pot and squid baits. These fish are running 8 to 10 pounds. Stripers have slowed down while a lot of small blues from 2 to 4 pounds are still in the bay hitting fluke rigs or tins and poppers at dawn and dusk. Blue claws and snappers are all over the place. Blowfish at the Coast Guard Station off the small beach area. Blacks on the inside artificial reef on fiddlers.

Capt. Tom of the **Sea Horse** reports that the fluking has been great all week and weekend and that action really began on Tuesday. Saturday saw fantastic fishing with sand eels, squid and killies in Fire Island Inlet and a new school of bigger fish has apparently joined the battle.

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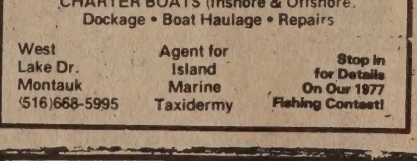

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COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports very good weekend fluking in Fire Island Inlet as evidenced by Mr. M. Schavel on the boat "Benwhit" boating 21 keepers east of the bridge on the ebb on sand eels. John Kunio and son had 12 keeper fluke drifting from the lighthouse to the bridge fish running 3 to 5 pounds on sand eels. Jonas said that nearly all of his customers had fluke this weekend in the inlet, the bay or in the state channel. Small blues every morning in the Amityville Cut on sinking Rebels, fish running up to 3 pounds. Democratic Pt. is producing weakfish on sandworms and some bass on the west side of the jetty on sinking Rebels. One customer had 6 schoolies on a tide. Blues on the outside trolling green bananas and umbrellas on wire. Blowfish at the Copiague Hole on worms, clam and squid. Snappers very good and some blue claws in traps. Some bass on clam chum at the bridge or in the state channel.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle tells us that Sunday he weighed in four weakfish in the 7 to 8 lb. range taken at the 2nd Wantagh on live snapper in the morning on the flood. Weaks are being taken from Zach's Bay to Tobay chumming with bellies. Drifting live eels at F.I. Inlet for bass is still good while fluke are being taken at Squaw Island on killies and spearing. The southeast corner of Fort Neck Pt. is also producing fluke. Ed Baines of Amityville fished the canyon Saturday and took a 25 pound bluefin tuna and spotted over 15 white marlin in an ocean full of good clean blue water. The tuna was taken on a rigged ballyhoo. Bluefish in 110 feet of water on green Sekora tubes. Chumming is only producing fair catches. Small blues in 25 to 30 feet of water on umbrellas and bananas. Weaks at Fire Island Inlet on trolled purple tubes with small bluefish hitting them also.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports reports fluking was a lot better this week with the east side of Jones Inlet producing on squid and sand eels on both tides. Bass being caught at the bridges on live bunker with Zach's Bay and the bridges producing some fish on bellies. A 37½ pounder was weighed in taken at 9 in the morning on Thursday on a live bunker at the 2nd Wantagh Bridge. Blues are being trolled off Jones Inlet on green tubes and floating Rebels. This is about a quarter mile off the beach, fish going 2 to 6 pounds.

SEAFORD

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports fluking good at all spots such as Four Corners, Massapequa Cove, and State Channel on killies or sand eels. All of their skiffs are bringing back fish with

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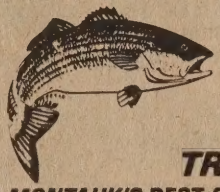

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high hook of the week being 30 fish for 2 anglers in one boat on Saturday. Crabs are increasing in number and size at the dock and snappers up to 5 inches are in all the creeks.

BELLMORE

Roy at **Merrick Marine Supplies** reports fair fluking in all the local creeks on sand eels, squid and killies. The snappers are improving. Blues are being taken south of Cholera on chum and on artificials being jigged. Plenty of blue shark offshore. Canyon producing yellow fin tuna and marlin and tuna also at the Mudhole. The Tin Can is giving forth a weakfish bonanza on S&G Gorilla rigs with a green S&G Javalin down the middle. Some bass being plugged at the banks on silver poppers.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports the fluking still very good and the fish certainly have not gotten any smaller. Hot spots this week so far have been Merrick Pt., Rowboat Alley, Ned's Creek on killies and sandeels. Loads of snappers now in the bay, but small. Some school bass are still being clam chummed at the banks and bridges. Sharkers are getting big choppers as a bonus from 120 to 200 feet of water.

BALDWIN

Arthur St. Fishing Station tells us that Jim Johnson won a local bluefish contest with a 14 lb. 2 oz. blue taken on an Atomic Feather on wire in about 90 feet of water on Sunday. Lots of fluke up to 4 pounds taken this weekend in Reynolds

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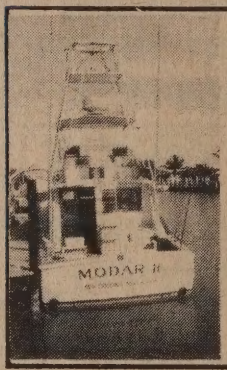

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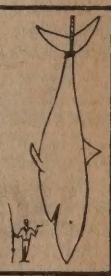

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

The **Starstream II** which is now bluefishing every night at 7 P.M. reports their day trips are still producing loads of big ling and some sea bass and blacks. On Friday night's bluefish trip 29 men had 250 giant blues from 6 to 12 plus pounds. On Saturday night's trip, 60 passengers took 150 plus giant blues. It's bluefish time, fellows.

The **Capt. Al** reports that they are loading up daily with big ling plus sea bass and a few blacks and porgies. The half day fluke trips on the **Capt. II** have improved and the night blues on the **Capt. Al** are getting better with each passing trip.

The **Aloma II** reports good and improving fluke catches while the **Aloma** under the guidance of Captain John Grimley reports excellent catches of big ling with some sea bass and blacks mixed in.

The **Blue Fin** called to say that Friday and Saturday they had good bluefishing s/s/w of Cholera. Fishing was brisk on both days with 15 pounders taking the pool both times. Capt. Sy is starting night bluefishing this coming Monday night at 7 P.M. Sailing will be open and by reservation from the Poop Deck Dock. The boat's yearly light tackle bluefishing trips are also being started again as they were very popular last season. For reservations call 352-2986 (212 or 516). Capt. Warren Klyne, formerly of the Angler II will be running the night bluefish trips.

Capt. Arnold of the **Shalidon** called to tell us that he can only take charter dates from September on, as he is solidly booked for the rest of the summer. On Thursday Frank Jr. from Skipper's Restaurant in Rockville Centre bagged an 80 pound tiger shark. On Friday, Tony Carnie and party had 5 duskies from 100 to 125 pounds. On Saturday, a 300 plus pound tiger shark was taken by Frank Pizzo of Malverne along with a 150 lb. dusky. A bonus for each day's shark fishing is four to six bluefish taken in about 100 feet of water on wire and either green bananas or A-27s. These fish are being caught in and around the gully. Watch for birds.

Charterboat **Night Owl** called to tell us that on Sunday, Chip Winfield and party all of West Point N.Y. landed 18 bluefish going up to 14 pounds south of Cholera in 105 feet of water on green bananas and 3 arm Bingle umbrellas.

The charterboat **Sun Down** had a 200 pound mako for his party on Sunday along with a few other shark.

The charterboat **Lucky Strike III** called to tell us they had a good mess of fluke on Saturday fishing the Freeport Creeks. This was all in early morning incoming and everything stopped with the high slack. On Sunday, Capt. Dave himself had 4 big bluefish just south of Cholera on butterfish and smelt. Fish averaged 9 pounds each.

The **Miss Freeport** called to say that on Saturday he was into a good mess of fluke for the Pegasus Fishing Club of Manhattan, fishing local Freeport waters. Capt. Tony sailed open on Sunday and as a result Pat Graham of Flushing bagged a 6 lb. fluke. The fluking is staying good and there are a lot of 3 pounders coming over the rail. The **Miss Freeport's** special 4:30 P.M. fluke trips are proving to be a big success and he is enjoying good catches in the cooler part of the day. No sun stroke. This coming Wednesday the boat is chartered so there will be no open trips that date.

Sea Isle Sports reports the blues are sporadic in 80 to 150 feet of water and that you have to search for them. Plenty of fluke in the shallows, Middle Bay and Fundy, Skow Creek, the golf course, Sea Dog Creek and the drains on sand eels and killies. Loads of small snappers in the 4 to 5 inch category all over. No bass news.

Hook Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle reports their sea robin tournament was won by Paul Gritman of Oceanside on his boat "Flying G" with a 7 ounce winning fish. Paul won a rod and reel plus a free mount of the fish and a place in the Hook Line and Sinker Hall of Fame. Harry Schofield of the Bronx brought in a sea bass of 4 pounds 12 ounces to be weighed in on Friday, caught on Capt. John Grimley's **Aloma.** Blues on Bingle green and red bananas and umbrellas in the inlet and just outside and offshore, biggest running from 14 to 16 pounds. Some days they want black only. Fluking spotty. A 30 lb. striper was taken off the

Mike Sonfilippo of Bellmore took this 7 lb. fluke aboard the CAPT. LOU near Jones Inlet.

Donald Kruck of Bayside with his first sharks which were part of the catch aboard the KIM on July 6th.

jetty on Thursday night by Allan Klopefer of Baldwin on a live eel on Tuesday, daytime.

Charterboat **Sea Egg** called to say that on Wednesday they had 32 bluefish fishing in 120 feet of water 25 miles south of the inlet, fish going from 9 to 14 pounds with bunker chum. On Saturday they ran 48 miles to the 220 foot mark, bagging 5 duskies and a hammerhead of 120 pounds. On Sunday 13 large bluefish went into the box taken out of 80 feet of water. The **Sea Egg** has choice weekday openings only remaining.

The **Capt. Lou II** reports that on Monday a 7 lb. fluke was taken on his boat by Mike Sanfrippo of Bellmore. A 6 lb. fluke was taken by Long Beach angler Herb (no last name). Lou says that a new school of fluke have moved in and that the fluking is picking up.

Dockside Restaurant phoned in a special bit of news that the Freeport draggers have picked up very large amounts of very good sized fluke in their nets, indicating that the Merrick and Freeport area will not be enjoying a big upsurge in fluking within the next week or so.

The charterboat **Sea Hawk** called to say that on Sunday George Gaddis and party had a 240 lb. mako taken south of Jones Inlet in 140 feet of water. There were two other runoffs. George had the fish.

Capt. Walter of the **Acme II** reports that all the boats of the Freeport Boatmen's Ass'n. have been solidly into blues all this past week fishing south of Cholera.

POINT LOOKOUT

The Marie III reports that small, large and alligator sized blues are in large schools in the area and are still coming. This looks like a good bluefishing season. The fish are being taken at the Three Sisters Wreck which is southwest of Cholera on jigs and trolling wire line. Some fish are also being taken on bait and chum.

Ed's Fishing Station reports that fluke fishing is up a little bit in the flats trolling sand eels and killies. Spearing has also worked well. The boats are averaging 22 to 24 fish with a lot of throwbacks. The fishing was still good despite the loads of boats in Reynolds Channel. The fishing has also been good at buoy 15 and the golf course. The Meadowbrook Bridge is producing a mixed bag of blacks, sea bass and sand porgies. Flounder can still be taken in Swift Creek like one catch of 65 flounder taken on worms this past week. The fish averaged 1½ pounds and ran up to 2 pounds 6 ounces.

ISLAND PARK

The Commodore reports very good fluking on Sat. in Reynolds Channel with over 200 keepers plus a lot of throwbacks taken at buoys 13 and 15 and the golf course area. Sunday was slower, with roughly 100 keepers. Smaller numbers were due to heavy boat traffic. Fluking was pretty good during the week and all fares had fish to take home. Best baits remain spearing and sand eels or fluke belly. A 27 pound bass was taken at the Atlantic Beach Bridge on a cast Rebel. Snappers are all over the bay, with small blues showing in morning and eve hours.

Beckmanns Tackle reports the fluke fishing has improved since Saturday in Reynolds Channel. The throwback ratio has dropped and the fish are being caught on squid and sand eels. Snappers are being taken in East Rockaway, Bay Park and in the creeks and there are plenty of fish for the kiddies. Blue claw crabs are being taken in good quantity at the Oceanside creeks and Bill Beckmann would like to remind crabbers to throw back all spawning females.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy at **Hennings Fishing Station** reports fluke at buoys 5 and 7 in Reynolds Channel are still a good item with sand eels, squid and spearing best. A few schoolies are being clam chummed at the bridge. Blues and weaks are being taken in good numbers between Ambrose and the Tin Can on trolled bananas and umbrella rigs. One boat had 80 big weakfish fishing this method. Lots of blues in 40 to 50 feet of water off the Atlantic Beach Hotel in the 3 lb. category on trolled tubes and umbrellas. The Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club Contest brought in lots of blue and dusky sharks and one 40 lb. white shark.

Capt. Ronnie Lepper informs us that sharking for the weekend was fair with blues and duskies prevailing with a few small tigers. Best areas were the HA and east thereof with the most productive areas being 110 to 120 feet of water. Ronnie saw his first swordfish on Thursday, but it sounded before he could wheel the harpoon. Weaks and blues swimming happily together at Breezy Pt.

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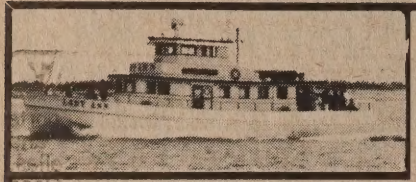

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being taken on umbrellas and some weaks being trolled at the Rockaways on umbrellas also. The fluking has picked up somewhat over last week. Big blues are being taken, but way off the beach. These big blues are hitting well on green S&G bananas being cast out and allowed to sink and then retrieved.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Stella Maris Bait and Tackle reports plenty of weaks between Ambrose and the jetty on A-27s and trolled umbrellas. Some bluefish mixed in here. Good porgy fishing off Floyd Bennet Field and good fluking off Rees Park now on squid, sand eels and spearing.

The charterboat **Babe** called to tell us he fished 1½ hours south of the BA on Friday nailing 37 big choppers from 12 to 15 pounds for 4 men on trolled umbrellas with dark tubes and also jigging A-27s and green bananas. On Saturday a two man charter bagged 23 blues between the jetty and the Warrior buoy. Weakfish up to 12 pounds were mixed in here. Sunday saw spotty fluke and weakfishing On Thursday, Capt. Ken performed a marriage on his boat of long time friend Jerry Kyhill and his fiance Marge.

The **Helen H** tells of excellent bluefishing all week long, both day and night trips. Fish are from 6 to 14 pounds and are mainly being taken on green Spider bananas and that the fish are starting to hit metal jigs also. They are fishing around the Klondike. Chum and bait seems to be working better on the night trips and all trips are consistent now. Sunday was a little tougher due to the crowded boat traffic but then got better in the late afternoon.

Big Mohawk II reports he took good blues 20 miles south/southeast of the BA and that there are a lot of big fish there strictly taking bananas. The fish are moving and they must be chased. A lot of big fish were busted off due to over tightened drags. These fish are from 8 to 12 pounds and they are green and wild. Real slammers.

Capt. Walter on the **Flamingo III** verifies the fact that there is consistently good bluefishing now and they have come a little closer up from Jersey. This week he has been working Monster Ledge which is south of the BA. Lots of separated bluefish schools. It's strictly jigs and bananas. The poolfish is usually up around the 15 or 16 pound mark, with birds and markings putting him onto the schools. The fish are chasing sand eels and big squid so they will not respond to chum. No problem finding fish during the week, but a little tougher on the weekend due to the heavy boat traffic. The fish are moving closer plus there is word of additional schools moving up from south Jersey. Weaks and smaller blues are a good bet close in off the beaches and it looks like a good bluefish season. Right now catches are 3-10 per man from 8 to 12 pounds.

Capt. Butch on the **Zephyr** reports good porgy fishing all during the week and increasing in size. On Sunday he had porgies and sea bass with a new crop of sea bass moving in. Butch is working the artificial reef and the Tin Can.

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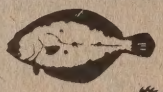

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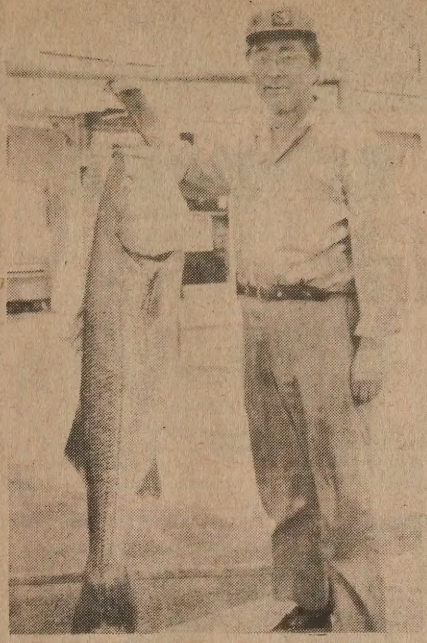

Morrie Kuramoto of Astoria took this 55 lb. striped bass on sandworms at Orient Point. The fish was taken on 15 lb. test line during high tide. Photo courtesy Cross Bay Bait & Tackle.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

The Wilhelric reports porgies remain excellent and getting even better every day fishing at Gardiners. Most fish are medium-large and averages are about 50 fish per man.

Capt. George Porter on the open boat **Brand X** tells us that all week and weekend saw excellent porgy fishing at Gardiners. Fish were mixed sizes but all big, with an average of 20 to 30 fish per five gallon bucket. George was really enthused about size and quantity. Saturday slowed a bit but the porgies came back even stronger on Sunday at Gardiners. The pool is usually being taken by a big fluke or blackfish on the clam baits.

Capt. Dave Green of the **Pooka V** reports that fluke action has been good. On Saturday a small party had 41 fluke with most of them running better than 3 pounds and some up to 5 pounds. On Sunday he fished the sound and had 120 fluke which were smaller in size.

A. P. White Bait Shop reported bluefish taken at Jessups Neck on the incoming tide. Porgy fishing has been good at Green Hill on the east side of Gardiner's Island. Fluke fishing has been decent in the rips to the east of the Ruins. Surfcasters picked up some blues off Horton's Beach. Boats are getting fluke at buoy 3 off Truman's Beach. Some weakfish and fluke are available in the channel off the Greenport breakwater. Bassfishing in the Gut and at Old Silas is slow. The fish are still there, but we need cooler weather to perk them up.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported plenty of smaller porgies in the Bay by buoys 12 and 14 and the South Ferry. Weakfishing was slow last week. Fluke were taken on the opposite side of the Greenport Jetty. On some days the blues were around buoy 17. You have to watch for the bird

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that weakfishing is hot at buoy 21 near the VZ Bridge and fish from 5 to 8 pounds can be taken drifting sandworms. Small bass are mixed in with these catches. Princess Bay (Mt. Loretta) is also producing weakfish from 3 to 5 pounds and small blues from 2 to 3 pounds both trolling and bait fishing. Chapel Hill Channel is producing weakfish of 5 to 8 pounds and better trolling and on bait. Fluking is best at the Great Kills Bug Light and at the Old Orchard Light. Penny Beach and Cliff Street continue to produce small bass in the last two hours of the outgoing on sandworms. These fish are ranging from shorts up to 4 pounds. Some fish from 15 to 20 pounds have also been taken. Penny Beach has been taking fish strictly on bait while Cliff St. has been taking fish on artificials.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports that there are plenty of snappers of small size at the North and South Channel Bridges. South Channel Bridge is producing sand porgies. Weaks and bass are being taken at both these bridges on sandworms down deep at night.

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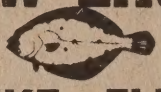

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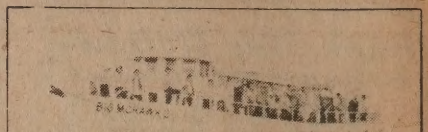

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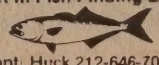

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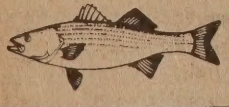

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action. Out in the sound, three men got 51 fluke up to 7½ pounds over the weekend. Porgy fishing is good to the east of Mulford Point. There's 3-4 pound blackfish and some sea bass in this same area. Surf casters got some weakfish and snapper blues on small Hopkins. Kenny's Beach was one good spot. Private boats are getting some stripers trolling sandworms just at dusk along the shoreline.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that weakfishing has been picky but some fish were picked up in the Rose's Grove area on sand eels and squid. the The fish averaged 3 to 5 pounds. Porgies are being caught south of buoy 29 and at buoy 23 from ¾ to 1 pound and running up to 1½ pounds. The boats are averaging 100 porgies for their day's catch. Kingfish up to 1 pound are being taken at buoy 4 and small snappers are in the area.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center reports that porgy fishing is excellent in Peconic Bay with fish averaging ¾ to 1 pound. Porgies are also being taken in the sound but are not as large and there are much more of them. Blackfish from 3 to 8 pounds are being taken off the Pipeline on green, fiddler and hermit crabs. Trolling umbrellas at buoy 5 is producing some nice blues and weaks. Some smaller blues can be taken at Jessup's Neck. Fluke fishing is excellent in the area and are being taken on sand eels, shiners and live snappers. The fish are in the 17 to 18 inch area.

JAMESPORT

Jamesport Bait and Tackle reports that porgies are all over the area and are

Jim Holman, Jr. took this 11 lb. 8 oz. fluke at Moriches Inlet and walked away with the June Fluke Derby at the Angler's Den.

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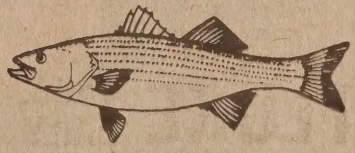

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2. ENTRY FEE--There is no entry fee to participate in the Contest. The only requirement is that you MUST have been a subscriber of The Long Island Fisherman for at least 30 DAYS before the date that a fish was caught. Immediate members of a subscriber's family are also eligible if they are living together in the same household. Example: Mother, father, brother, sister, daughter, son.

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   a. Fish must be one of the ten eligible species
   b. Catch must be made sometime between midnight May 1st and midnight October 31st, 1977.
   c. Fish must be taken in Long Island Waters.
   d. All catches must be made under the rules and regulations set up by the I.G.F.A. These rules and regulations will be printed in the May 5th issue of The Long Island Fisherman, and will be available after that date for any angler sending in a self-addressed envelope to The Fisherman.
   e. The catch must be CONFIRMED as a new World Record by the I.G.F.A. by February 1, 1978.
   f. New records can be for any of the I.G.F.A. line classes: 6-lb., 12-lb., 20-lb., 30-lb. 50-lb., 80-lb., 130-lb., or All Tackle, for both Men and Women.

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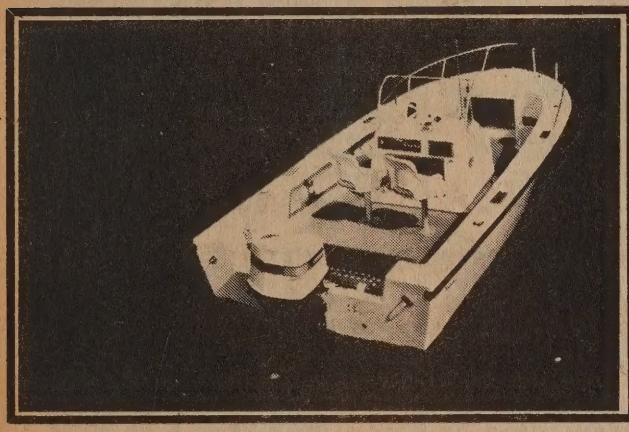

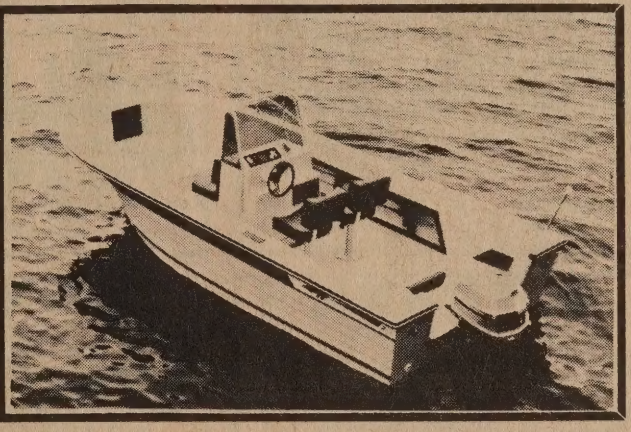

record fish. If it appears that the fish is a possible record, it must then be OFFICIALLY weighed in at STARFISH MARINE in East Islip, New York. After the Official Weigh-In Starfish Marine will prepare the necessary record applications that must be sent to the I.G.F.A. It is the anglers responsibility to transport his catch to and from Starfish Marine.

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7. TIES--In the event that more than one subscriber sets a new World Record, the winner will be decided by the following criteria:
   a. The angler setting the most I.G.F.A. records during the contest will be the winner.
   b. In the event that no angler sets more than one record, but two or more anglers set a single record, the following point system will be utilized to place the winners:
      1. One point will be scored for each percentage point that the new record beat the previously held record, based on weight. Example: If the new record is 25 lbs. and the old record was 20 lbs., the new record is 25% more weight. Score 25 points.
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9. JUDGES--The decision of the judges will be final.

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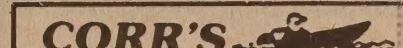

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running up to 2 pounds. There are small weaks to be had inside the bay. There is also very good weakfish action at Norton's Pt. Bass up to 53 pounds were taken in the Gut on green and yellow bucktails with red or white porkrind. Blues are in the sound along with weaks and can be had on umbrellas.

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Pt. Fishing Stop reports that fishing has been slow. Bluefish up to 5 pounds have been taken at night past buoy 9 in 80 feet of water on diamond jigs. There are plenty of bunker and sand eels in this area. Fluke are being taken on sand eels, squid and spearing. Some big schools of blues have moved into the area. Porgies can be taken anywhere along the beaches and small snappers have come in.

SELDEN

Ken Freeman at the **Angler's Den** reports he has been very busy with the fantastic catches that have come into the store. Weakfish from 6 to 9 pounds are being taken on umbrellas at buoy 9. The fishermen are taking four at a time and are averaging 30 to 50 fish per boat. Weakfish are also being taken on jigs and bucktails from four to eight in the morning. Big blues are in the sound and are being taken trolling and jigging up to 14 pounds. Fluke averaging 4 to 6 pounds are being caught in Flax Pond and at buoy 7 offshore on smelts, sand eels and squid. Here are some of the catches that have come into the store during the past week. Frank Bagnasco and Sam Walinchus both came in with fluke of 6 pounds 14 ounces. Art Kunkel took a 14 pound 12 ounce bluefish; George Grosselfinger took a 48 lb. striped bass on a live eel out of Moriches; Walter Yackel had a 9 pound 4 ounce weakfish; Bill Bonaccin Jr. took a 3 lb. 14 ounce flounder while fishing off the **Viking Star** for cod; Linda Weisler on her first time bass fishing out of Oldfield took a 18½ lb. bass on sandworms and Joe Aube took a 100 lb. blue shark out of Moriches.

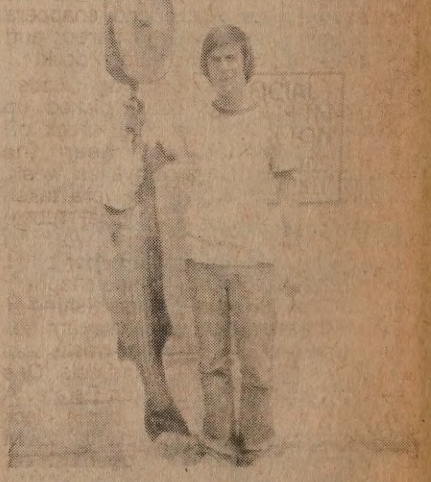
MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reports that fishing has not been good. Porgies can still be caught in the deep water straight out of the harbor. Fluke are being taken at Cedar Beach and at buoy 9. Bluefish are being picked up in the early morning and evening at buoy 9.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Betty W tells us that porgies remain good and that on Sat. and Sun. good porgy catches were had by all fares. Each man averaged a 5 gallon bucket full, fish running from ¾ to 1½ pounds. Some weaks and fluke also taken on porgy rigs.

Caraftis Fishing Station reported all the porgies you want off Old Field Point and buoy 4 inside the harbor. During last Saturday and Sunday, the weaks and blues were up on top right at daybreak. Trolling and diamond jigging produced. During the daylight hours some good catches of blues were made at Stratford Shoal. Fluke fishing is fair at Mt. Misery Shoal, buoy 9 off Sound Beach and buoy 7 off Wading River. Plenty of bass at night if you want to float worms.

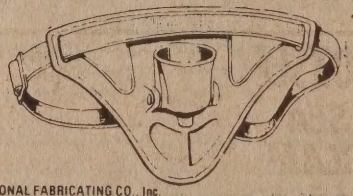


Ken Ducker, Jr. with a 31 lb. striped bass caught on a live eel while fishing with his dad at Plum Gut. The fish was weighed in at Four Winds Tackle. Subscriber Club Photo.

The Long Island FISHERMAN CONTEST

FISHING TRIP

The Long Island Fisherman Litter Box Contest gives our readers a chance of winning a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the better bait and tackle centers and pick up an L.I.F. Litter Box for the rear window of your car. Each week the license number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, call The Fisherman by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received, the cash prize will accumulate.



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KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports porgy fishing has remained solid with catches running one half bushel per person. The fish are taking worms and clams in 20 to 30 feet of water anywhere from the mansion to Crab Meadow Beach. Chumming with mussels has helped. Fluke, blues and weaks have been poor with a few notable exceptions. On Thursday Charlie Johnson caught 8 fluke to 8 pounds on squid and sand eels off Cranes Neck. On Sunday John Lotito weighed in a 5 lb. fluke he caught in 25 feet of water off Callahans on squid and spearing. Friday night Paul Lebassi took a 6 lb. weak on a trolled red tube in mid sound. On Sunday Mickey Chiarenza of Tri-Fin Lures had a 8 lb. blue and dropped two others at the lobster pots off Cranes Neck. Oh yes, the river is now filled with snappers.

NORTHPORT

Fred at **Chain Locker** reports the word for fishing this week other than porgies was poor. The heat and boating traffic really hurt the areas' fishing. Some bass and weaks were wormed on the late night high tides at Lloyd Pt. and Eaton's Neck. These fish were up on the surface early in the morning and were hitting Rebels. Fluke were slow except for two fishermen that brought in an 11½ and 10 pound plus fluke caught on the west side of Eaton's Neck. Some fluke were caught at Diamond Pt. and southwest of buoy 13 but nothing like last year at this time. Blues are outside of the Lilco hot water and can be taken on bunker and Rebel lures. These fish are averaging 5 to 6 pounds and are not thick in the area. Smaller blues are inside the hot water outflow and are hitting plugs two hours on either side of the high tide. A few small schools of bunker are still in the area but very little signs of these fish have been seen in the harbor. Larger blues are being wired south of buoy 11B but are still not a solid body of fish. The porgies are everywhere and snappers have finally showed in the harbor and are being caught on the village dock.

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** reported a few big blues picked up between buoy 32A and the wreck off Captain's Island over near the Connecticut side. On two days last week, weakfish up to 14 pounds were taken trolling deep with red surgical tubes. Some smaller blues were working between 11B and Eaton's. Harbor blues were in the Lilco hot water and snappers were off the town dock. Bass fishing is slow. Fluke are around but the quantities aren't that good. A school of weaks was off Lloyd's Neck chasing sand eels. One good spot was off the Morgan Estate. A school of weaks was off Lloyd's Neck chasing sand eels. Porgies are just about anywhere you go but for bigger fish try off Callahan's Beach.

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HUNTINGTON

George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** reports a marked improvement in fluke fishing with good catches coming from both Ashroken and the Coast Guard Station. The fish are averaging two to four pounds and are being caught on sand eels, squid and spearing. Weakfishing has been holding up at Lloyd Pt. and can be caught drifting worms in the evening. These fish are also being taken on diamond jigs and umbrellas at Eatons Neck. A few blues up to 15 pounds have been taken and bass up to 18 pounds are being caught in the early morning and the evenings on bucktails at Eatons Neck. Small blues are being caught at Lilco from 2 to 3 pounds on Tri-Fin Whiptails. Porgies from 1 to 2 pounds are being caught at buoy 13.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports weakfish averaging 7 pounds being taken at Lloyd Point by drifting sandworms or casting small black tubes. The best fishing has been at night but good fishing has also been had up to 6:30 in the morning. Porgies are all over the bay and sound with some larger fish at buoy 4. These fish are being taken by drifting sandworms or clams. Blues and bass are being taken at Eatons Neck on white bucktails and porkrind or black and white umbrellas in the rips. Johnny Ambrosio and son Eric had 16 weakfish, 6 bass to 19 pounds and one blue over 10 pounds fishing the Eatons Neck rips with white bucktails on Thursday. A few fluke are being taken with squid and sand eels on killer rigs drifting at Lloyds Pt. and Target Rock Pt.

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Capt. Brad Glass of the **Hel-Cat** reported the fluke fishing generally was pretty good. Brad said he's been fishing in "tight little spots" that have proven themselves over the years. The average fare is getting 6-12 fish per man and the pool winners are going 6-8 pounds. Brad said one lady from Bridgeport, who'd been having terrible luck fishing, tried here hand at fluke fishing last Monday. She got 12 fish and won the pool. She was so thrilled she brought her two sons back with her the next Wednesday. Together they got 36 fish and won the pool again. Sounds to us like her luck sure changed.

off Stepping Stone Light. That's the best catch of the season. Some school bass around but no big stuff.

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FLUKE	6	BLUEFISH	10
PORGY	3	WEAKFISH	7
BLACKFISH	6	POLLACK	18
COD	25	SEA BASS	3

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SOUTHOLD
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South Bay Fishing Station

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR	—	12:10	12:19	1:52	12:01	12:49	1:07	1:44	2:50	3:17	3:10	3:39	—	12:11	7/21
FRI	12:28	1:02	1:04	1:43	12:49	1:36	1:58	2:35	3:39	4:07	4:01	4:29	12:17	1:02	7/22
SAT	1:21	2:00	1:56	2:39	1:41	2:27	2:54	3:33	4:33	5:03	4:55	5:24	1:09	1:57	7/23
SUN	2:22	3:00	2:55	3:42	2:37	3:26	3:57	4:32	5:30	6:03	5:56	6:25	2:08	2:56	7/24
MON	3:26	4:01	3:59	4:45	3:44	4:32	5:02	5:33	6:36	7:09	7:00	7:27	3:13	4:00	7/25
TUE	4:28	5:02	5:08	5:48	4:59	5:39	6:06	6:33	7:53	8:23	8:04	8:29	4:24	5:06	7/26
WED	5:29	5:58	6:14	6:49	6:10	6:42	7:07	7:30	9:18	9:39	9:06	9:29	5:35	6:07	7/27
THUR	6:25	6:53	7:15	7:44	7:12	7:38	8:05	8:26	10:27	10:45	10:04	10:24	6:36	7:03	7/28

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

[illegible] LAND	
[illegible] HIGHLANDS	+ 0 0[illegible]
[illegible] Navesink R.	0 48
Long Branch	+ 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	0 18
[illegible] Basin	0 2[illegible]
MANASQUAN INLET	
[illegible] Pier	0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	0 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 1 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE E[illegible] INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	2 05
Freeport Creek	0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	2 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 2 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
[illegible]	— 0 05
[illegible] INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	0 12
Pawtucket	0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

7/5	5:30	8:39
7/10	5:33	8:37
7/15	5:37	8:34
7/20	5:41	8:31
7/25	5:46	8:26
7/30	5:51	8:21

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
7/16	7/23	7/1	7/8

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish however.

The major periods begin at the times shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter

	AM		AM	
	Major	Major	Minor	Minor
THURS.	9:20	3:35	9:45	3:55
FRI.	10:10	4:25	10:35	4:50
SAT.	11:05	5:20	11:30	5:45
SUN.	11:55	6:10	—	6:35
MON.	12:20	7:00	12:35	7:30
TUES.	1:10	7:55	1:45	8:25
WED.	2:05	8:50	2:40	9:10
THURS.	3:00	9:45	3:25	10:15

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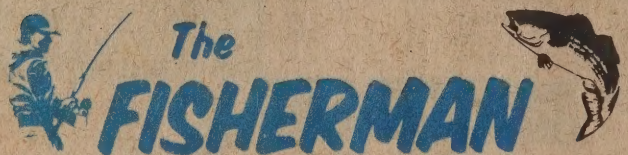

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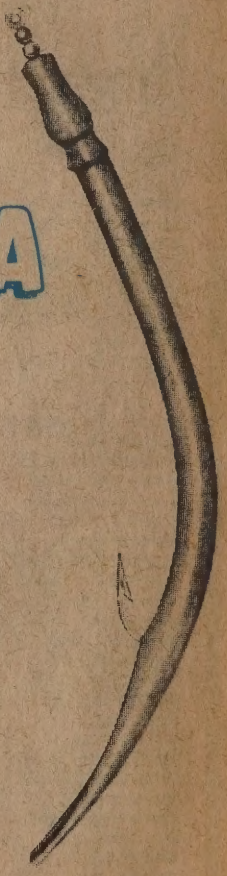

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